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Inaugural Address

of J. H. Bell.

Delivered at the Capitol, Decm^r 21st,
1857.

Gentlemen of the Legislature
and Fellow Citizens. }

Inaugural Address. By the generous confidence of the people of Texas, I am called upon to stand to day, in the presence of this enlightened assembly, the constitutional oath which two years ago was administered to me within this Capitol. The exalted compliment which that confidence conveys, and the flattering manner in which it has been indicated, very naturally excites in me feelings of pride and satisfaction; which to indulge in both grateful and consolatory. The honor conferred has created a debt of gratitude which I fear neither services nor sacrifices on my part will ever enable me to repay; and there is no language which will adequately express to my fellow citizens at large the high appreciation I have placed upon their approval of my public acts during the eventful period that I have had the honor to preside at the head of the State government.

In again assuming the position of Chief Magistrate of the State, I am sensible of the weight of responsibility resting upon me, and of the elevated character of the duties it devolves. My notice is first directed to that Supreme Being whose aid and comfort I have ever sought in every vicissitude and trial, and who has so often vouchsafed his guardian care to our beloved country, by relieving her through his providential assistance from the perils and snarls with which she has been encompassed in her efforts to achieve and preserve social, political and religious freedom. I now invoke his blessings upon our young State, and his aid in the consecration of the glorious institutions of our common Country to Liberty and Independence forever.

Since my connection with the Civil Department, it has been impressively realized to me, that if there is one thing more than any other calculated to sustain the public servants

in his efforts faithfully to discharge his duties, it is the well deserved approbation of those whose agent he is. To the mind directed by honest impulses, it comes as a balm and a healing to soothe and bind up the wounds which envy, malice, or ambition sometimes seeks to inflict. Although as humble, perhaps, as many others more nervous than myself, occupying a similar position, from the poisoned arrows of vituperation, yet, I have not been entirely freed from the notions which error and misrepresentation have attempted to throw around the humble, ardent and honest exertions which I have devoted to the relief of our promising young State in her comparatively new experiment of State organization. Of this I do not complain; for it is a distinguishing characteristic of this glorious country of ours, guaranteed by the constitutional character under which our social and political rights are maintained, that individuals, measures and parties are equally the legitimate subjects of comment and criticism. It reflects much honor upon our citizens that the "liberty of speech and of the press" seldom, if ever, see so far abused as to require an appeal to the statutory provisions of the land; the cause being traceable to that high-minded moral sentiment pervading our communities, which sooner or later applies a much more potent and salutary check than is to be found in the restraining penalties of the law; and if, as is declared in the political axioms that "error ceases to be dangerous when truth is left free to combat it," it is far better to leave the privilege referred to unconstrained, in order to reveal useful and important facts, than attempt to close up the channels of intelligence, which if left open and unimpeded, will often prove the medium of throwing off disguises, and of exposing to general view the motives and acts of public agents should they at any time manifest a desire to sacrifice the public weal to purposes of self-aggrandizement.

The events of the past two years associated with the operations of our State Government have been marked by more than ordinary interest; many of the questions to be met and decided contained, from their very nature, the elements of high excitement and disagreement, if not of discord. The people, the legislature and the executive, respectively, have had their two parts assigned them to act, in full view of these new and most important measures prior to their consummation; subjecting the country, thereby, to the severe ordeal of conflicting opinions, through which it could not safely pass but by a patriotic surrender of all sectional and selfish views to the all great and common object - that of preserving the interest of our State free from injury and her integrity without blot or blemish. Amidst these conflicts of opinions there has really been no diversity of interests, and it will now, as all passions have subsided, and reason is again permitted to resume her just prerogatives, be allowed, that all desired the attainment of the same end, but by very different channels, and with an

antagonistic views in reference to its accomplishment.

Differing, as I have done as your lieutenant, with another important branch of the government and many of my fellow citizens in reference to several measures of vital importance, I can find no occasion more appropriate than the present to declare, in great sincerity, that whatever diversity of opinion may exist in the legislative councils, or amongst my fellow citizens generally, in relation to my official acts, or how various colors may be the estimates placed upon them, I have, on all occasions, been governed only by a stern, uncompromising conviction of what I conceived to be my duty, coupled with a firm determination to perform it, no matter what the inconvenience, or hazard to myself; repudiating at all times, as far as it was in the power of weak humanity, that prejudice and passion so naturally springing from the speculations and conflicting theories touching the operations of government so freely indulged; and which, if not resisted, remain a stumbling block to the attainment of public justice, and are utterly subversive of good order, good feeling, and that harmony which should always distinguish public agents intrusted with important and sacred duties!

I have been careful, freely to accord to others the same honesty of purpose and devotion to the best interest of the country that I claim for myself; I embrace this occasion further to remark, that to those of my fellow citizens who have sustained me with a generous confidence, and noble advocacy in the measures I have recommended and the views which I have thought it my duty to promulgate, I now return my sincere thanks - the best tribute of a grateful heart. To those whose opinions have been adverse to my own, with an opposition characterized by manly independence, I entertain no feelings but those of respect with kindness. To others, who have opposed my public course, (with too much acrimony perhaps,) I have no censure and nothing to urge, but respectfully request that they will calmly advise, and, if consistent with a liberal and judicious consideration of the error which inseparably attaches to us all, reverse the decision, originating no doubt in the purest intentions, but amidst excitements too strong for sound conclusions.

With these remarks, fellow citizens, explanatory of the motives and feelings that have actuated me during my official term just expired, I throw myself upon the magnanimity and justice of a constituency met by their liberal cautions and distinguished support like implanted to me increased incentives to fidelity in recommencing my labor.

Discarding, then, the recollection of past dissensions, and looking forward only to the best means of conducting our public affairs to a successful termination, I enter upon the new administration with a determination to meet, as far as I can, the just expectations of a people who have done me signal honor, and whom I can best repay by exerting whatever of qualification I may be able to command in the promotion of their best interests. This qualification

qualification I shall endeavour to seek in a proper intelligence to discretion, discretion to execute, and in dusting to fulfil every duty so trusted.

Having already, in my late message to the Legislature and in other previous communications, given my views in relation to what I considered to be the most important subjects connected with the general policy of the State, and having made such suggestions touching the same as my judgment approved, it is therefore unnecessary, and would, perhaps, be deemed out of place for me again to advert to them on this occasion.

Let it be sufficient for me to repeat, that with the Constitution and laws as my guide, it will be my constant aim to preserve, as far as my agency will allow, all the great fundamental principles which the framers of our State charter intended to secure and perpetuate. Maintaining a profound reverence for the Constitution of the United States, constituting, as it was intended to do by those who framed it, the foundation of our national peace and strength, I shall consider it my duty, as it will be my pleasure to support it, "as well in its limitations as in its authorities," and at the same time to support the rights and authorities reserved to the State and to the people "as essential to the success of the general system."

I cannot conclude this address without expressing to you who are now present, and to my fellow citizens generally, my heartfelt congratulations upon the prosperous condition of our young State. To me the contrast between what Texas now is, and what she was in 1836, is indeed most striking; it is difficult to realize the great and happy change which has taken place. Sixteen years ago, with a soul filled with the wild ardor and aspirations of boyhood, I left my well remembered and much loved native hills to make my home in this distant land, to aid her people in their patriotic struggle for freedom. I landed with no other feelings on the shores that were henceforward, and for near or not, to be my abiding place, for I dwelt with delight upon the kind recollections of the home left behind me, and all the endearments of family associations.

At dark clouds then hung lowering over this fair land. The lone Star shone fitful through the gloom - now beaming with the light of peace and hope - now almost quenched in blood, yet ever with a halo of glory encircling it. We have lived to see that lost planet restored to its proper place among its sisters, no longer obscured by doubt and difficulty; but shining far above to the nations of the earth, a beacon, which every day grows brighter and more glorious. There was no meteor light springing from the mists of ignorance and superstition; such as faintly shines at intervals over the benighted lands of Mexico and Cuba, which gleam but for a moment, only to lead the unwary to disappointment and destruction, but steady and pure like the north star, a guide to every wanderer who seeks an asylum from oppression, or inexcusable misfortune. Honor, eternal honor to the brave dead who offered up their lives to make Texas what

she now is. Let us never forget, that to them we are mainly indebted for the proud inheritance we this day enjoy.

Though the days of the Republic were "the days of our glory"; that deeds of devoted patriotism and daring chivalry were then performed which would have placed the heroic pages of Greece and Rome; it cannot be denied that she held an unvariable place amongst the nations of the world. With a sparse population exhausted by war it could not be otherwise.

I cannot better convey to you my feelings than by adopting the sentiment so beautifully expressed by that distinguished and highly talented patriot, the last President of the Republic, upon the solemn occasion when he pronounced "The Republic of Texas is no more."

"The lone star of Texas, which two years since arose amidst clouds, over fields of carnage, and obscurely shone for a while, has culminated, and following an inscrutable destiny, has passed on and become fixed for ever in that glorious constellation which all freemen and lovers of freedom in the world must love and adore — The American Union. extending its rays with its sister states, long may it continue to shine; and may a gracious Heaven smile upon the consummation of the wishes of the two republics now joined together in one. May the Union be perpetual, and may it be the means of conferring benefits and blessings upon the people of all the States."

It was not until Texas took her place as one of the States of the great American Union that she occupied the position which Nature designed for her. From that period to the present her onward march to power and improvement has been unexampled. Nations behold the fruition of our hopes. From every land emigrants are flocking, in welcome crowds, to partake of our prosperity. From the blue clad hills of France and Germany, from Iceland's green shores and England's smiling fields, and from our own sister States they swell the living tide; until the solitary plains have been made to rejoice, and the wilderness to blossom as the rose.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, December 26, 1857.

James B. Shaw Esq:
Comptroller to P.
Present.

Sir:

Relative to the pro- Major James S. Gillett having received
from this Department a pro-tem appointment as Adjutant General
of the State, on the 24th day of last November, he will be recog-
nized and respected accordingly.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

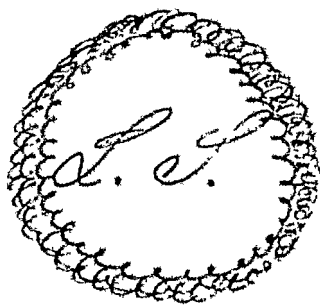
Proclamation.

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

For the election of a Senator, a vacancy has been created in the Twenty first Senatorial District, composed of the Counties of Travis, Hays and Gillespie, whereby these Counties are now unrepresented in the Senate.

Therefore, be it known, that I, J. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby order and direct the Chief justices of the above mentioned Counties (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give due and legal notice of not less than five or more than ten days for an election to be holden on Monday the 12th day of January, A. D. 1852, at the several precincts in their respective Counties for a Senator to supply the vacancy aforesaid, due returns of which shall be made to the Chief justice of Travis County.

And I do further order and direct the Chief justice of said County of Travis, (and in case of vacancy in the office of said Chief justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give to the Senator elect of said District the proper certificate of election, and make due returns of such election according to law to the Secretary of State, endorsed "Election returns for Senator of the 21st Senatorial District."



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this 29th day of December, A. D. 1851, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 16th year.

By the Governor
Signed, Tho: H. Suval,
Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, January 3rd 1852.

To the Honorable
The Senate and
House of Representatives.

Gentlemen:

Colonel Buckner H. Payne, Agent of the Louisiana Rail Road, has submitted to this Department a communication in writing, in which he has set forth, elaborately and minutely a course of action from the Agents of the Louis. Rail Road.

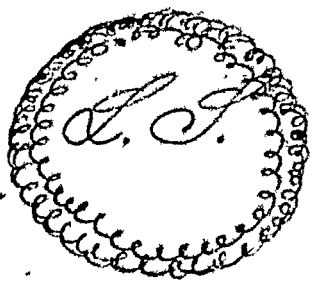
and with great ability, the subject of rail-roads as connected with the State of Texas, enumerating also their advantages in a national point of view. From the intelligence and high character of this gentleman, and the great respect entertained for the opinions of those of our sister State, Louisiana, whose interest he represents, I am induced to lay it before your Honorable Bodies, and very respectfully ask for its your kind and respectful consideration!

The State of Texas.

Executive Department.

Whereas, it has been certified to me according to law that the Honble John Humphreys, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, and the Honble Abner S. Lipscomb, an associate justice thereof, are disqualified from sitting as judges of said Court in the case styled *Miller vs. Pace and Hamilton*, now pending in said Court:

Now, therefore, to the end that a trial and determination of said cause may be had, I, J. Mansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby appoint and commission James Miller Esq. a gentleman learned in the law, as a Special Associate Justice, to sit in said case, and to try and determine the same.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this, the seventh day of January, A. D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th, and of Texas the 16th year.

By the Governor,
(Signed) Tho. H. Duval
Secretary of State.

(Note.) A commission in all respects similar to the above was made out and delivered to Chas M. Lewis Esq. to sit as a special associate justice in the same case.

(Signed) Tho. H. Duval.

9.
Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, January 14, 1852.

To the Honorable
The Senate.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with a Resolution of your Honorable Body, requesting the Executive "to obtain from some competent architect, or master-builder, a plan of a building for a State Capitol of sufficient dimensions for the accommodation of the two Houses of the Legislature; to be built of brick or stone, in a substantial manner, but on as cheap a plan as practicable, with estimates of the cost of such building; and, that he cause the plan, when obtained, with the estimates of cost, to be laid before the Senate of the present Legislature;" I have the honor to submit the accompanying plan and estimate for the construction of a State Capitol of stone and fire proof.

This plan and estimate has been drafted and prepared, with great care, by Mr. Girard of San Antonio, a gentleman of established reputation as an architect and practical builder, who, at my personal suggestion, has examined the site of the contemplated structure, and the nature of the materials to be found in the vicinity with which it could be built; he has also made the necessary inquiries relative to the cost of labor and the facility of procuring it.

Under the impression that the Resolution of your Honorable Body would be carried out more effectually and satisfactorily, and be more likely to meet the general views of the State, the Architect was instructed to draft such a plan as would in its dimensions and general arrangements afford the greatest possible convenience, safety and comfort, not only in reference to the present wants of the State and due economy in the construction of the building, but also in view of an increased representation, occasioned by the continually swelling population and its consequent contingencies.

Mr. Girard is now in this City, and will have much pleasure in giving your Honorable Body, at an early day, a full explanation of the details of the plan and estimate herewith submitted; and I respectfully request that suitable provisions be made to compensate him for the time and labor he has bestowed in carrying out the object contemplated in the Resolution of the Honorable Senate hereto referred to.

Transmitting a plan and estimate of a State Capitol.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, January 19, 1852.

To the Honorable J. C. Guimaraes,
Chairman of the Finance
Committee of the Senate.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your note of the 12th Instant, I have the honor to transmit the enclosed estimate of the expenditures necessary for the support of the Executive office annually for the next two years.

A list of the arrearages of the Department is also enclosed, which, in consequence of the appropriations made by the Legislature for the last two years being almost exhausted (the balance in the Treasury being \$2-34) will need a further appropriation on the part of the Honorable Legislature to enable the Executive to meet them without encroaching on the amount that may be set apart to liquidate the current expenses.

The total inadequacy of the last appropriation toward the different items of expenditure connected with this Department, as shown in the list of arrearages, and the prospective increase of each class to a still larger amount, which appear inevitable, have compelled me to increase the amount of the present estimate in such a manner as will enable the Department to keep pace with its financial requirements.

In the item of porter hire, the customary allowance appears to have been five dollars monthly. This has been calculated at ten dollars monthly in the accompanying estimate, it being impracticable to obtain the service contemplated at a lower rate.

Very respectfully,
G. W. P. P. P.

Estimate of the annual expenditure of the Executive Department,
State of Texas, for the years 1852 and 1853.

For porter hire, for one year,	\$120. 00.	for two years,	\$240. 00.
For postage,	do. , 150. 00.	do. ,	300. 00.
For stationery,	do. , 100. 00.	do. ,	200. 00.
For office furniture,	do. , 100. 00.	do. ,	200. 00.
For wood,	do. , 80. 00.	do. ,	160. 00.
For water,	do. , 50. 00.	do. ,	100. 00.

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Total amount, for one year, \$ 600. 00. for two years \$ 1200. 00.

List of the claims outstanding against the Executive Department,
State of Texas, at the end of the year 1851.

For paper hire,	\$ 55. 00.
For stationery,	65. 81.
For office furniture,	86. 92.
For water,	20. 00.
Total amount of outstanding liabilities,	<u>\$ 227. 73.</u>

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, January 21, 1852.

Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Representatives.

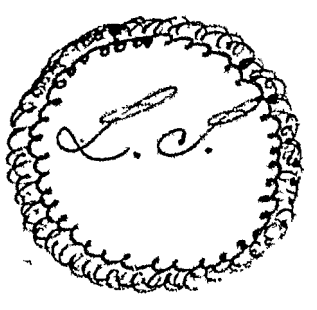
Transmitting a communication addressed to this Department by Attorney General Allen, Esq., Attorney General of the State, has received the attention of the Executive, and after an careful examination of the records of the State Department having relative to certain claims of the State against the Federal Government, and to the several subjects therein referred to, I find that the explanations, as given by the Attorney General, are well sustained. His position to the Government of the late Republic, pending the discussion of these subjects between the two governments, gave him an intimate acquaintance with their respective merits, and I am glad of the opportunity of availing myself of the clear and satisfactory statements he has communicated. They are submitted to your Honorable Bodies without any additional views from the Executive to those so well set forth by the Attorney General, and with entire concurrence in the suggestions he has made. I therefore respectfully recommend that the Legislature make such an expression of its views as will sustain our Delegation in Congress whenever it may be found practicable to present these subjects for the consideration and action of that Body. I cannot, however, recommend the presentation at the present session of the Congress of the United States of what I now consider a just claim of the State, for indemnity by the Federal Government for the extraordinary expenditures incurred by her in account of the measures necessarily resorted to the consummation of annexation; for the reason, that the financial arrangements existing between the State and the General Government, as they stand at present, are not without embarrassment.

The State of Texas.

Remitting the fine imposed on David Shepherd in the District Court of Hopkins Co. at its Fall Term, A.D. 1857.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that at the last Fall Term of the District Court of Hopkins County, in said State, David Shepherd, a citizen of said County and State, was tried upon an indictment for an assault with intent to kill and murder, and upon the trial thereof was found guilty of a common assault, and fined in the sum of fifty dollars:

Now therefore, be it known, that I, C. P. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, for satisfactory reasons to me shown, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby remit the said fine of fifty dollars; and upon the payment of all costs attending said prosecution, by the said David Shepherd, do hereby authorize the said Shepherd to be discharged from all further liabilities for and on account of said fine; and the Clerk of the District Court of said County of Hopkins, is hereby directed and required to make such entries upon the records of said Court upon the payment of the costs as aforesaid; as will give full effect to the remission of said fine.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this, the twenty-eighth day of January, A.D. 1858, of the Independence of the United States the 76th, and of Texas the 16th year.

By the Governor,
(Signed) Tho. H. Duval,
Secretary of State.

C. P. Hansbrough Bell
Governor of the State of Texas.

To all persons whom it may concern, know ye,

Appointing Joel H. Robison as agent to receive John H. Vaughan from the State of Kansas.

That I have this day, by virtue of the authority in me vested under the laws of the United States, and of this State, constituted and appointed Joel H. Robison an agent in the part and in behalf of the State of Texas, and have invested him with full power and authority to receive John Haywood Vaughan from the legally constituted authorities of the State of Kansas, whither the said John Haywood Vaughan hath fled from justice in this State, and now is; and to convey him, the said fugitive, back to this State, to the end that he may answer to the crime of murder, whereof he is charged by affidavit in the County of Fayette, in this State, as having been committed in the said County, on, or about

The third day of November, A. D. 1851.

And I do moreover forbid all persons from releasing, or otherwise setting at liberty the said John Haywood Vaughan, after he is in the custody of the Agent aforesaid, under fear of the penalties prescribed by the Act of Congress, passed February 12, 1793.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand, at the City of Austin, this Twenty-eighth day of January, A. D. 1852.

Governor of Texas.

J. Hansbrough Bell
Governor of the State of Texas.

Portis McCelleney, the Governor of the State of Arkansas, receiving:

Demand for the delivery of John H. Vaughan to Joel M. Robbins the agent appointed to receive him.

Whereas, by an affidavit made by Joel M. Robbins, of the County of Fayette, State of Texas, which is herewith annexed, and duly certified to be authentic, John Haywood Vaughan is charged with having committed the crime of murder, in the said County of Fayette, on or about the third day of November, A. D. 1851; and, whereas it appears that said Vaughan has fled from justice, and is to be found in the State of Arkansas, where he has taken refuge:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the United States of the 12th of February, 1793, I have to demand that your Excellency will cause the said John Haywood Vaughan to be arrested, secured and delivered up to Joel M. Robbins, the bearer of these presents, who is authorized to receive said fugitive, and conduct him to the State of Texas in order that he may be dealt with according to law.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this, the Twenty-eighth day of January, A. D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 16th year.

By the Governor,
Signed, Tho. H. Durand,
Secretary of State.

The State of Texas, County of Fayette.

To His Excellency J. H. Bell, Governor of the State aforesaid.

Your petitioners, Joel H. Robison and Thomas Townsend, Citizens of the County and State aforesaid, would respectfully represent to your Excellency that on or about the 3^d day of November A.D. 1851, John Haywood Vaughan, then resident of the State and County aforesaid, committed murder upon the body of one of our Citizens, Captain Stephen Townsend; that a warrant for the arrest of said Vaughan issued from the hands of Joseph R. Robison, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, but that said Vaughan was not arrested under said warrant; he, the said Vaughan, having fled and concealed himself from the officers having said warrant, and yet continues so to conceal himself. Your petitioners further state that they have been informed and do verily believe that the said Vaughan is now in the State of Arkansas, and County of _____; therefore, your petitioners pray, that in order that he, said Vaughan, may be brought to justice, undergo a legal trial, and, if found guilty, suffer the penalty of the law, the proper and legal requisites be made of the Governor of Arkansas for the arrest and delivery of said Vaughan, fugitive from justice.

State of Texas. } The undersigned, Joel H. Robison, says that the facts
County of Fayette. } set forth in the foregoing statement are true, so far as
stated from his own knowledge, and that he believes them to be true so far
as stated from the information of others.

(signed, Joel H. Robison.
Sworn to before me, Neill Robison, Chief Justice, Fayette County, this
twenty-fourth day of January, A. D. 1852.

(signed, Neill Robison,
Chief Justice, F. C.

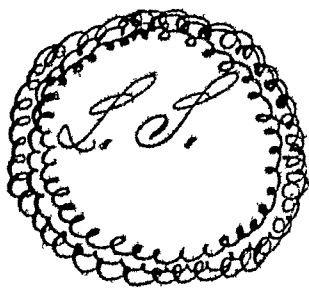
The State of Texas.

Executive Department.

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Neill Robison, whose name is subscribed to the instrument of writing hereto annexed, was, at the time of signing the same, Chief Justice of the County of Fayette, in said State, duly elected, commissioned and qualified, according to law, and that his attestation is in due form and by the proper officer, and that full faith and credit are due to his official acts as such.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of State to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the City of Austin, this twenty eighth day of January, A. D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and for Texas the 16th year.



By the Governor,
(signed, Tho. H. Searl, Sec'y of State.

Executive Department,
State of Texas,
Austin, January 29th 1852.

Gentlemen of the Senate.

It is a matter of much regret to me, that I am compelled, by a sense of my duty as the Chief Executive Magistrate of the State, to return to you, unsigned, the act entitled "An act confirming the action of the Auditor and Comptroller under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature 'to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas,' approved March 20th 1848, and 'the act supplementary thereto, approved February 8th 1850."

I have, both in my official capacity, and as a private citizen, expressed my approbation of, and concurrence in the justice of the general basis upon which the Auditor and Comptroller have classified the public debts of Texas and the value assigned to each of them. But there is no general rule without its exceptions; and, with those officers, I do think that there are cases of individual hardship to which an application of the general basis, upon which they felt themselves constrained to act, does not render justice. By reference to the report of the Auditor and Comptroller, it will be found that they use the following language in respect to such cases. "On the average value assigned to the consolidated funds of the 7th of June 1837, there came to our knowledge a few cases of hardship, where the Government had received full consideration for the original obligations which had been converted into this fund, and yet owed by the original investor. Had we departed from the rate we had assigned to this, or any other character of liability, in our instance, no matter how justifiable, others not possessing the same merit would have claimed it; and the consequence would have been, that but few claimants would have been satisfied with any other classification than that of par. For this reason we determined, in all instances, to adhere to the rate applied to each class, and report such cases of hardship as might arise, to the Legislature, in order that such relief may be awarded in the premises as appears to be just. We therefore accompany this report with a statement marked 'B' of such cases, and hope the same will receive your favorable consideration. In this connection we refer you to the communication of Dr. John H. Stump, upon the subject of his claim; which is enclosed in the statement last named."

It is apparent from this, that the officers themselves, who classified the liabilities of Texas, and applied the general value of the same, thought that there were cases to which the rule they established ought not to apply, and which the Legislature should relieve.

It is believed by me that the passage of the law in question, in the general terms in which it is couched, without any reservation or saving of special claims, proscribes the "cases"

Verifying an act confirming the action of the Auditor and Comptroller in respect to the debt of the late Republic of Texas.

"of hardship" mentioned by the Auditor and Comptroller. I think it would clearly preclude the present Legislature from relieving the same, and render it extremely doubtful whether they could be considered by any future Legislature without an absolute repeal of the law. If there are cases, in which the scale acted upon by the Auditor and Comptroller, and now proposed to be adopted by the Legislature without any qualification will operate unjustly to certain creditors eminently entitled to the consideration and protection of the Government, it would seem proper, that, though their claims be now postponed, they should at least be left open for examination and equitable adjustment. It is my anxious wish to see the State of Texas, at this time attracting universal attention, assume a position in reference to her debt, which will not only command the admiration of her sister States, and of foreign powers, but save her also from every just charge of repudiation. So far as lies in my power, I desire every creditor of Texas to have what in justice and equity is due him. Such too, I believe, is the sentiment of the people at large, and of the Legislature. I well know, however, that men, equally patriotic and honest, differ in their opinions about all measures of public policy; and, in returning the bill referred to to the House in which originated, without my signature, I have only exercised a constitutional privilege with respectful deference to the Honorable Legislature. If, contrary to my opinion, both Houses shall think the passage of the act in question will not operate unjustly and oppressively in some cases, let it be passed. I will, at least, have done what I considered to be my duty in withholding my assent to it.

Having briefly expressed my reasons for objecting to this bill, I now submit it to you for your final action.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, January 30, 1852.

To the Honorable Senate
and House of Representatives.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a series of Resolutions which were unanimously passed at a Convention of the New Orleans and Opelousas Rail-Road, held in the City of New Orleans on the 3^d Instant, and which have been forwarded to this Department.

Transmitting Resolutions passed at a Convention of the New Orleans and Opelousas Rail-Road.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, February 3, 1852

To the Honorable Jesse Guiness,
Chairman of the Finance
Committee of the Senate.

Sir:

Transmitting certain with, sundry outstanding accounts for printing, to, which have been
outstanding claims against the Executive and State Departments, and which will
to State for printing, to require a special appropriation by the Honorable Legislature for their
payments.

A communication, addressed to this Department by the
Secretary of State, accompanies these accounts, and it is respectfully
referred to as explanatory of their nature and situation.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, February 3, 1852.

Gen. Henry of the House of Representatives.

Accompanying certain resolution of your Honorable Body "that the Governor of the State be
relative to an requested to communicate to the House of Representatives any in-
formation which he may have received in regard to a violation
of the laws of nations, and of an indignity offered to the sovereign-
ty of the State of Texas, by the introduction and landing of troops
and munitions of war of a foreign government upon her soil, I
have the honor to reply - That no intelligence, verbal, or in writing
touching the subjects embraced in the Resolution, has been received
at this Department, save that which is contained in a brief note
from R. H. Hord Esq; a citizen of Cameron County, directing my at-
tention to a letter written by himself to the President of the United
States; in which he complains of the conduct of certain officers, civil
and military, employed in the service of the United States, and asks
the attention of the President and Congress to the subjects referred to
in said letter.

In addition to these will be found the affidavit of
Captain A. G. Potter. They are transmitted herewith.

It does not appear that the President, or Congress, have taken any action relative to the complaints set forth in Mr. Hord's communications. In reference to any action by the Executive of this State necessary to preserve its sovereignty, and its citizens secure in their persons and property, the strictest promptness will be observed when it shall be made manifest that interference is proper. With every confidence in the intelligence and character of the gentlemen who appealed to this Department for intervention, the Executive could not but conclude, that if there had been any previous insult offered to our citizens by Officers of the United States, a flagrant violation of the laws of nations, the vigilant Representatives from that portion of the State where the irregularities spoken of, which are alleged to have transpired, would have appealed forthwith to the Executive, or Legislative branch of the Government for redress. The State Executive will cheerfully and promptly enforce any action which the Honorable Legislature may think proper to prescribe.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, February 4, 1852.

To the Honorable W. P. Dickson,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit enclosed herewith, a communication addressed to me by the Secretary of State, and commend it to the favorable consideration of the Legislature.

I am, Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

The State of Texas.
A State of the United States of America.

Certificate of citizenship
to Oscar Miller
Of the undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid,
by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and

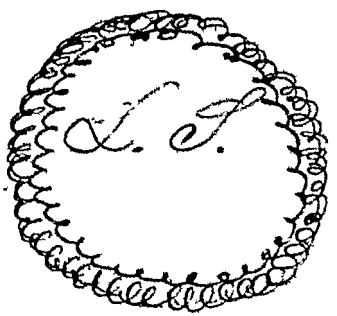
law, hereby certify, make known and declare to all whom it may concern, that Otto Carl Miller, a natural born subject of the King of Prussia, has duly declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States of America, and has sworn to bear true allegiance to the same and support the Constitution thereof, and that he is therefore entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities which such declaration and oath carry with them, and confer upon him.

And I hereby request the Governors and Magistrates of other States to permit the said Otto Carl Miller, fully and peaceably, to enjoy, within their respective jurisdictions, the rights, privileges and immunities aforesaid.

And I do further certify, that the official act of Louis Martin, hereto annexed, is entitled to full faith and credit.

In testimony whereof, I have herewith set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Austin, this, the fifth day of February, A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 16th year.



By the Governor,
Signed / Chas. H. Davis,
Secretary of State.

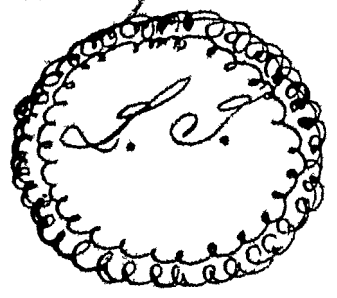
Proclamation.

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been made known to me, that William M. Donald, and Calvin Anderson, late of the County of Guimaraes, in the State aforesaid, did, on the 24th day of December, A.D. 1851, with force of arms, kill one John Arrisolo, and are now fugitives from justice:

Therefore, be it known, that I, I. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of Three hundred Dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said William M. Donald and Calvin Anderson, (one hundred and fifty dollars for either of them,) into the custody of the Sheriff of Guimaraes County, that they may be dealt with according to law for said offense.

In testimony whereof, I have herewith set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this fifth day of February, 1852, and of



Offering a reward for the apprehension and delivery of William M. Donald and Calvin Anderson, fugitives from justice.

The Independence of Texas the 16th year

By the Governor,
Signed J. H. Dural,
Secretary of State.

The said M^r. Donald is about 5 feet, 8 or 10 inches, high; has dark hair, blue eyes, a full round face, fair complexion, and is about 32, or 33 years of age.

The said Calvis, is about 5 feet, 10 inches, high; has light hair, blue eyes, a Roman nose and thin lips.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, February 16th 1852.

To the Honorable Senate.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit for the advice and consent of your Honorable Body, the following nominations, viz:

W. L. Gammage, for Anderson Co.	James C. Caithers, for Fayette Co.
John M. Rank, " Angelina D.	Gregory Morris, " " "
Warren Larkins, " Gastrop D.	Benjamin B. Goodrich, " " "
John Loope, " " "	William Anders, " " "
David M. Chisolm, " " "	Dr. H. Clinton Harris, " " "
J. T. O'Reilly, " " "	Pendleton Murray, " " "
James S. Lytle, " " "	Edwin J. King, " " "
John Lafaye, " " "	David Foster, " " "
Andrew J. Medrick, " " "	John H. Matthews, " " "
J. Francis Shultz, " Cameron D.	Gilbert Clark, " " "
Arndt H. Fay, " " "	John E. Wilson, " " "
Benjamin F. Boser, " " "	William Allen, " " "
William J. M. Reid, " " "	James Delleury, " " "
Henry Storey, " " "	H. L. Walker, " " "
Matthew Correll, " " "	Andrew J. Collins, " " "
Nathan Chappin, " " "	J. H. Hatchling, " " "
E. A. Ruppel, " " "	William A. Ellis, " " "
M. H. Danner, " " "	Marcus G. Little, " " "
Nathaniel Mellow, " " "	William H. Killbuck, " " "
Henry O. Hedger, " " "	Nathaniel G. Hyatt, " " "
John Halford, " " "	Artemus W. Hicks, " " "
John H. Timmons, " " "	Rufus H. Hornum, " " "
John A. King, " " "	John R. Henry, " " "

Transmitting a list of nominations for information

Notaries Public.

D. M. Sanderfoot, for Lincoln Co.	M. M. Grant, for Red River Co.
Thomas C. Alexander, " McLean D.	F. V. Mc Kee, " Chas. Augustus D.
F. A. Hill,	F. B. Windham, " Shelby D.
Alexander H. Sneed, " Milam D.	John Parker, " Smith D.
F. Chamberlain,	Rinaldo Hotchkiss, " Starr D.
Stephen Amory,	Samuel L. Lisle, " Titus D.
Martin F. Reinhardt, " Ragsdale D.	Thomas H. Harris, " Travis D.
Farriss Montgomery,	Byrd H. Gray,
Leeton Donaldson, " Navarro D.	Joseph H. Gordon, " Upshur D.
Josephus Irvine,	Edmund H. Turner,
Matthew H. Smith, " Newton D.	Albert Brown, " Victoria D.
William A. Wilson,	C. C. Gallaway, " Washington D.
John Frazier,	John L. Camp, " Webb D.
Leuten. Kolbier, " Polk D.	Thomas Bryant, " Wood D.
James Webb,	G. H. Seico,
Alexander Birdsong,	Matthew F. Tamm, " Lincoln D.
Levi L. Sargant,	James Garret,
Thomas Sapp,	William Milburn,
Henry Keenan,	Jacob Webb,
J. B. Dickson,	P. J. Hoodberry,
Moses L. Choate,	Walter C. Grier,
Charles Holthorn,	Abraham B. Gray,
Arthur Middleton,	
Ben: Hubert,	

The names marked thus (x) were included in the list transmitted to the Senate on the 12th of November, 1851.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, February 11, 1852.

To the Honorable Senate.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit for the advice and consent of your Honorable Body, the following nominations, by:

Notaries Public.

George H. Pipes, for Collin County.	Geno. C. Clough, for Freestone Co.
John H. Berry, " Ellis D.	William Shible,
Allen H. Morris, " Falls D.	William H. Fleming, " Red River D.
William Milburn,	Wiley H. Gidens,

Transmitting list
nominations for
Notaries.

Notaries Public.
 Jacob H. Brown, for Sabine County. M. F. Jordan, for Sabine County.
 William L. Sumner, " D.^r John M. Payne, " D.^r
 Franklin M. Pace, " D.^r

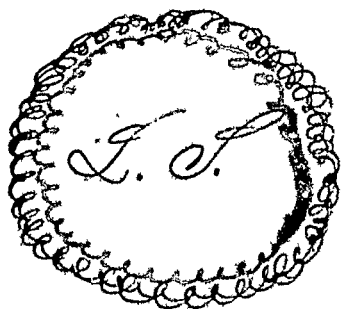
I have also the honor to request permission to withdraw the nomination of Ben. Hubert Esq., as a Notary Public for Polk County, and submit the name of Vernon M. Lee Esq. in his place.

The State of Texas.
 A State of the United States of America.

Certificate of citizenship to Augustus Seitz Esq.

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws, do hereby certify, that Augustus Seitz, a natural born subject of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, has duly declared upon oath his intention to become a citizen of the United States of America, and that he is therefore entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities which such declaration carries with it and confers upon him.

And I hereby request the Governors and Magistrates of other States and Countries to permit the said Augustus Seitz, fully and peacefully, to enjoy within their respective jurisdictions, the rights, privileges and immunities aforesaid.



In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed.
 Done at the City of Austin, this eleventh day of February, A.D. 1852; of the Independence of the United States the 76th; and of Texas the 10th year.

By the Governor
 Signed, Tho. H. Scurry,
 Secretary of State.

The State of Texas.

Remission of judgment as a forfeit bond.

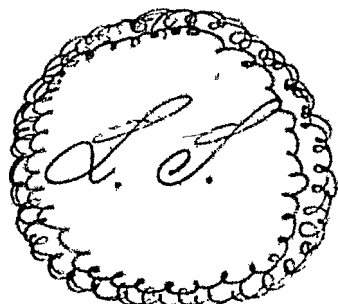
Whereas, at the Fall Term, A.D. 1848, of the District Court holden in and for the County of Red River, in said State, a judgment was rendered for the sum of one hundred Dollars, besides costs of suit, against Deane Herrick, as principal, and Hugh F. Young, George F.

Lawton and John Manthous, his securities, on a bond given by said Herrick conditioned for his appearance at said Court to answer a charge for an assault and battery, and which bond was forfeited;

And whereas, satisfactory evidence has been furnished to me by the statements of the Honorable John T. Mills, who rendered said judgment, of the District Attorney, and of divers good and worthy citizens, that the judgment rendered on said forfeiture is except-
-ave, and should be annulled:

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, J. Hanstrough
-shall, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me
vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby annul the said
forfeiture of six hundred dollars imposed by the judgment of the Court on
the said Herrick, and his securities Young, Lawton and Manthous,
and upon the payment of all costs attending said judgment, including the
legal fee due to the District Attorney who then represented the State, I do
hereby authorize the said Herrick, and his securities aforesaid, to be dis-
-charged from all further liability for and on account of said judgment.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of
Red-River, is hereby directed and required to make such entries upon
the records of said Court (upon the payment of the costs and Attorney's
fee as aforesaid) as will give full effect to this annulment of said judg-
-ment.



In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand, and caused the great seal of the
State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Austin, this, the Twelfth
day of February, A.D. 1852, of the Independ-
-ence of the United States the 76th and of
Texas the 16th year.

By the Governor,
Reigned, Thos H. Durand,
Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, February 12th 1852.

Colonel Thomas H. Ward,
Presno Co.

Sir:

The resignation of your appointment
-ment as Commissioner of Texas's Colony, having been received
at this Department and duly considered, is hereby accepted.

Accepting his resignation
-ment as Commissioner of Texas's Colony.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, February 12th 1853.

Gentlemen of the Legislature.

Transmitting petitions
presenting the hazards
of our situation of front
of the Indian frontier
of the State.

The petitions from Citizens residing on the frontier, transmitted herewith, represent their distressed and hazardous condition, from the hostile attitude of several Indian tribes of known skill and bravery in war. One of the most delightful sections of the State, formerly almost rapidly increasing in population, the most respectable and intelligent, is about to be depopulated; and without immediate military assistance must inevitably become so. The appeal for aid is made to the Executive, and would at once and most cheerfully be responded to, did he possess any power beyond that which is conferred by the 4th Section of the 6th Article of the Constitution; to wit: "The Governor shall have power to call forth the militia to execute the laws of the State, to suppress insurrection and to repel invasion." It is well known to your Honorable Bodies that there is not in the State even a partial militia organization, and consequently the Executive is not at all aided by the power (entirely nominal under the circumstances intended to be given by the section quoted. On three, or more, occasions, I have had the honor to press the subject of our frontier difficulties upon the attention of the representatives of the people, with the confident and anxious hope that some ability would be extended to the Executive branch of the State Government, by which, in great emergencies, he might relieve (temporarily at least) the inhabitants occupying portions of the frontier not fully protected by the troops of the United States. I again, very respectfully, but most earnestly solicit from your Honorable Bodies such an appropriation of means as will enable me, in part at least, to save the lives and property of our people, who from fortune or necessity are occupying isolated and unprotected positions. Their appeals to your aid and sympathy, it seems to me, are irresistible, and far beyond the cold consideration of dollars and cents. I might make an eloquent appeal to your justice and magnanimity as men and as legislators, but I trust, the intelligence and wisdom of your Honorable Bodies renders it entirely unnecessary. It is only needful to know that the lives of worthy men

and of helpless women and children are involved in the action you may think proper to take upon this serious and important subject. The citizens whose interest I now seek to express are under arms.

Many of the individuals, whose names are subscribed to the petitions transmitted, are known to me, and, from their sterling character, would not, I am persuaded, sound any false alarm. I have every confidence in the representations they have made; nor are they, in their situations of excitement and distress, alone: other portions of our frontier inhabitants are in the like position; and similar calls for assistance have been, and are now being made to the Executive, in consequence of recent Indian outbreaks.

Any military operation which the Executive may feel himself authorized to undertake will be entirely auxiliary to those directed by the Officer commanding the Eighth United States Military Department, in whose skill, energy and judgment there exists the greatest confidence. Every portion has been, and is at this time employed, by the military stationed upon the frontier of the State, but the great celerity of movement possessed by the Indian tribes inhabiting our borders, and their known capacity, require the most extraordinary exertions to prevent their marauding excursions and repel their attacks.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, February 16th 1852.

To the Honorable The Senate
and House of Representatives.

Gentlemen:

The Comptroller of the State, who was despatched to Washington City under the provisions of an act of your Honorable Body, approved December 16th 1851, entitled "An act to provide for the acceptance and deposit of a portion of the indemnity due the state of Texas by the United States for the sale of a portion of her north western territory, under the provisions of an act of Congress, approved September 9th 1850," having returned to this City, has submitted to this Department the enclosed report of his mission, which I have the honor to lay before your Honorable Bodies.

Very respectfully request that the Honorable Legislature make suitable provision to meet the additional expenses incurred by the State in the insurance and trans-

Accompanying the report of James R. Shaw, Comptroller of the State, is a statement of the discharge of his duties as fiscal agent of the State, to the Honorable House of Representatives, and a portion of the two million U. S. bonds.

Transportation of a large amount of specie under his charge for deposit in the State Treasury.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, February 16, 1832

Esq. Allen Leg.
Attorney General of
the State of Texas.
Permit.

Sir:

Having been informed (unofficially) that you intended leaving this City for Galveston, by this evening mail, and deeming it a matter of the highest importance to the interest of the State that the Executive should have the immediate command of your professional services in taking final action upon legislative bills of great magnitude, which will, in all probability, be presented at this Department for approval in the course of the present week, I have the honor to request that you postpone your departure until the close of the present session of the Legislature.

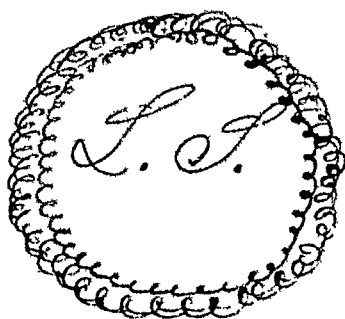
Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servant

The State of Texas.

Whereas, at the last Fall Term of the District Court holden in and for the County of Grimes, in said State, one Jesse Kirby was tried and convicted upon the charge of an assault with intent to kill, and sentenced to three years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary, where he now is: And, whereas it has been made to appear satisfactorily found that the said Jesse Kirby is insane, and that letters of guardianship upon his person and estate have been granted by the Chief Justice of Walker County, in said State, to Dewey L. Harris and his wife Sarah A. L. Harris:

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, J. Hanstrough
 Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, for good reasons to us shown,
 do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and
 laws of said State, hereby pardon the said Kirby for the crime
 aforesaid, and order the keeper of the State Penitentiary, and all
 other officers having in charge and custody the said Jesse Kirby
 under said sentence, to release him from all further confinement
 in said Penitentiary; provided, that the guardians of said Jesse
 Kirby, will forthwith remove, or cause him to be removed beyond the
 limits of the State of Texas, and placed in some lunatic or in-
 sane hospital, to the end that he may be properly cared for and
 treated.

And the Clerk of the District Court of said County of
 Grimes, after he shall have been informed by the Superintendent of
 said Penitentiary of the removal of said Kirby therefrom, as herein
 provided for, is directed and required to make such entries upon the
 records of said Court as will give full and proper effect to this man-
 date.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto
 set my hand, and caused the great seal
 of the State to be affixed, at the City of Aus-
 -tin, this twentieth day of February, A.D.
 1852; of the Independence of the United
 States the 76th and of Texas the 16th year.

By the Governor,
 (Signed) H. Dugal,
 Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
 State of Texas.
 Austin, February 28, 1852.

To the Honorable William C. Jones,
 Judge of the Second Judicial
 District of the State of Texas.
 Present.

Sir:

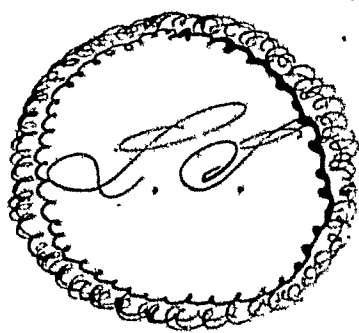
I have the honor to ac-
 -knowledge the receipt, by last night's mail, of your assign-
 -ment as Judge of the Second Judicial District, which is here-
 -by accepted.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant

The State of Texas.

Whereas, a vacancy has occurred in the office of Judge of the Second Judicial District of the State of Texas, by the resignation of William E. Jones, the late incumbent of said office:
 Now, Therefore, be it known that I, J. P. Hensbrough Bell, Governor of the State aforesaid, do, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby appoint John Hancock Esq., Judge pro-Ten of said Judicial District, in the place of said William E. Jones, and do authorize him to discharge the duties of the same, for and during the unexpired term of office of said William E. Jones.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this first day of March, A. D. 1852; of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 16th year.

By the Governor,
 Signed J. H. Duval,
 Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
 State of Texas,
 Austin, March 11, 1852.

Colonel James Gillispie,
 Superintendent of the
 State Penitentiary.
 Huntsville,
 Texas.

Sir:

In compliance with the request of John S. Report Esq., one of the Directors of the State Penitentiary, made in his communication to this Department of the 26th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified

copy of an Act of the State Legislature, entitled "An Act supplementary to an Act to establish a State Penitentiary," passed March 13th 1848.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, March 22^d, 1852.

A. Burns Esq:
Galveston,
Texas.

Sir:

In reference to your application to this Department on the 27th of last October for appointment to the office of Wreck Master for the Bay and Port of Galveston, I have the honor to state, that no official notice of the resignation of the last incumbent of that office has yet reached the State Department, and that no further action can be taken in the matter until it is received.

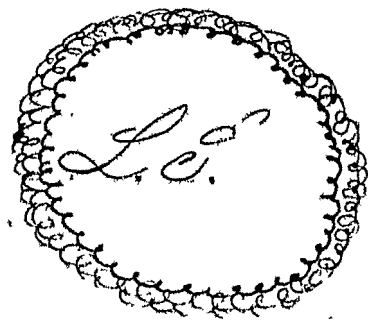
Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant

The State of Texas,
A State of the United States of America.

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of the same, do hereby certify, make known and declare to all to whom it may concern, that Henry Bleking is a resident citizen of this State, and of the said United States of America, and that he is entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities to such citizenship belonging, or in any wise appertaining.

And I hereby request the Governor and Legislature

of other States and Countries, to permit the said Blessing, fully and peacefully to enjoy within their respective jurisdictions, the rights, privileges and immunities aforesaid.



In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, the Twenty-sixth day of March, A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th year, and of Texas the 17th.

By the Governor,
Signed, Tho. H. Durab,
Secretary of State.

The State of Texas.

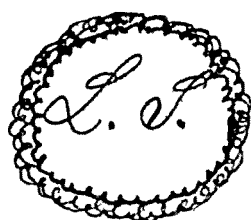
To all and singular the Sheriffs, Constables and other civil Officers of said State ~~greeting~~ Greeting:

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, by His Excellency, Henry J. Cobb, Governor of the State of Mississippi, that one William Finch, late of the County of Lowndes in said State of Mississippi, stands charged with having committed the crime of negro stealing, and that the said William Finch has fled from justice in said State of Mississippi, and is now to be found in the State of Texas, where he has taken refuge:

And whereas the said Henry J. Cobb, Governor of said State of Mississippi, has, in pursuance of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act respecting fugitives from justice," approved February 12, 1793, demanded that I cause the said William Finch to be arrested, secured and delivered up to James R. Hilliard, the Agent of said State of Mississippi, that he may be taken to said State, and there dealt with according to law:

Now therefore, know ye, that I, Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in pursuance of the said Act of Congress, issue this, my command, commanding all Sheriffs, Constables and other civil officers of said State to arrest, and to aid and assist in arresting the said William Finch, and to deliver him when arrested to the said James R. Hilliard, Agent of said State of Mississippi, in order that he may be taken back to said State to be dealt with for said crime of negro stealing according to law.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this



The twenty-ninth day of March, A. D. 1852,
of the Independence of the United States the
76th and of Texas the 17th year.

To the Governor,
Wm. H. Davis,
Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, April 5th 1852.

John C. Parker Esq:
Huntsville,
Texas.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 29th ultimo tendering your resignation of appointment as Director of the State Institutions, which is hereby accepted, to take effect March 31st 1852.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, April 5th 1852.

Colonel James Gillespie,
Superintendent of the
State Institutions.
Huntsville,
Texas.

Sir:

In consideration of the joint recommendation of yourself and John C. Parker Esq:, I with much pleasure appoint A. J. Wiley Esq:, of your town, a Director of the

Notifying him of the
appointment of A. J. Wiley
Esq: as a Director.

State Penitentiary, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Beyer, which I have accepted, to take effect March 31st 1853. Mr. Wiley's commissions will date April 1st 1853, and be forwarded to him by mail forthwith.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas,
Austin, April 5th 1853.

His Excellency Joseph Walker,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
Baton Rouge, La.

Sir:

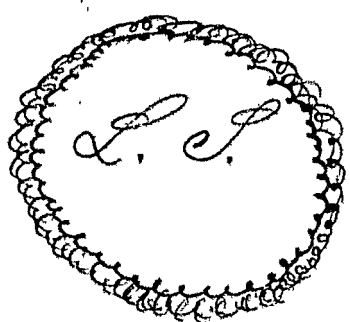
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by this morning's mail, of your Excellency's note of transmittal of a report of the proceedings of the 30th ultimo, accompanying a printed copy of the Report of the Committee of the Legislature of Louisiana on Federal Relations relative to a navy yard and establishment of a navy yard at the City of New Orleans. Having perused the Report with interest it will me pleasure to take the proper action upon it whenever the opportunity presents itself.

With sentiments of esteem and respect,
I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's Obedt. Servant

The State of Texas.

It does it has been certified to me according to law that there is no competent Court for the trial and adjudication of the case No. 26, styled "Horton vs. Lewis & Reynolds," now pending before the Supreme Court of this State at Tyler, in consequence of the Honble Justices S. L. S. and A. J. Wheeler, Associate Justices, being disqualified from sitting therein:

Now, therefore, to the end that a trial and determination of said cause may be had, J. P. Hanstrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby appoint and commission William H. Parsons Esq., a gentleman learned in the law, as a Special Associate Justice, to sit in the said case, and to try and determine the same.



Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this, the 7th day of April, A. D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 17th year.

By the Governor,
 (Signature) Mr. H. Duvall,
 Secretary of State.

(Note: A commission in the same case, similar to the above, was issued to James H. Rogers Esq., as the other Special Associate Justice therein.

(Signature) Mr. H. Duvall,
 Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
 State of Texas,
 Austin, April 7th 1852.

To the Honble Chief Justice
 of the County of Cameron.
 Brownsville,
 Texas.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit commissions for Samuel M. Southmayd, William Brown, John Webb, C. E. Campden and William Eckman Esq. for the office of Commissioners of Pilots for the Port of Brazos River and the mouth of the Colorado. These gentlemen were appointed in February and April 1851, and have qualified, with the exception of Mr. Eckman, who will also be required to qualify prior to resuming his commissions.

As the rapidly increasing mercantile and shipping interests of that section of the State render it highly important that a full Board should be in existence, and as several representations have been lately made to this Department that the want of an

Transmitting commissions for certain parties men as Pilot Commissioners on the Brazos River and the mouth of the Colorado.

proper Board has proved in many instances detrimental, I have to request that you inform me, as early as practicable, of the receipt by these gentlemen of their respective commissions, in order, that should any vacancy appear immediate steps may be taken by this Department to fill the Board.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Tex.
Austin, April 19th 1852.

John A. Carter Esq:
Galveston,
Texas.

Sir:

Accepting his resignation of the office of Clerk Master for Matagorda Bay.

I hereby accept the resignation of your appointment to the Office of Clerk Master for the Bay of Matagorda to take effect this day; and, in consideration of your recommendation, I have directed the Secretary of State to forward a similar appointment to Robert J. Nolb Esq: of Galveston, as your successor, forthwith.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Tex.
Austin, April 19th 1852.

Simon L. Jones Esq:
Galveston,
Texas.

Sir:

accepting his resignation
the office of Marshal
for the State of Alabama
this 19th day of April 1852.

The resignation of your appointment of
Marshal for the State of Alabama, contained in your letter to
this Department of the 13th Instant, is hereby accepted, to take effect
from date.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, April 19th 1852.

H. H. Higgins Esq.
Monticello,
Alabama.

Sir:

Returning to the
a building for the
State Capitol.

As the building of the Capitol of this State
has already commenced on a plan adopted by the Commission-
ers appointed at the last session of the State Legislature, I her-
ewith return your draft, as requested in your letter of the 24th In-
stant, which accompanied it.

Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

The State of Texas.

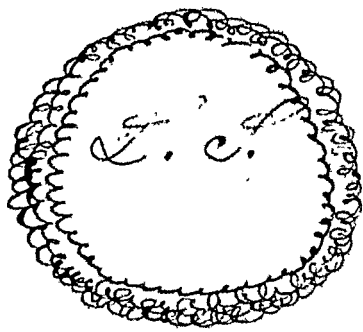
To all and singular the Sheriffs, Constables and other civil
officers of said State Greeting:

Ordering the arrest
of one William H. Dabney
and his delivery
to the proper
authorities of the State of
Alabama.

Whereas it has been ascertained and made known
to me by His Excellency, Henry H. Collins, Governor of the State of
Alabama, that one William H. Dabney, late of the County of Chas-
sey, and now in said State of Alabama, stands charged with the crime of
murder committed upon the body of one Israel Jacobs, and that
the said William H. Dabney has fled from justice in said State of
Alabama, and taken refuge in the State of Texas.

And, whereas, the said Henry H. Collier, Governor of said State of Alabama, has, in pursuance of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act respecting fugitives from justice to," approved February 12, 1793, demanded that I cause the said William M. Dabney to be arrested and delivered up to Morris Jacobson, the Agent of said State of Alabama, that he may be taken to said State, and there dealt with according to law.

Now, therefore, know ye, that I, J. S. Hansbrough, Secy, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in pursuance of the said Act of Congress, issue this, my warrant, commanding all Sheriffs, Constables, and other civil officers of said State to arrest, and to aid and assist in arresting the said William M. Dabney, and to deliver him, when arrested, to the said Morris Jacobson, Agent of said State of Alabama, in order that he may be taken back to said State to be dealt with for said crime of murder according to law.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this, the Twenty-first day of April, A. D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th year of Texas the 17th year.

By the Governor,
Wm. H. Dwyer,
Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, April 23, 1852.

Colonel James Gillispie,
Superintendent of the
State Penitentiary.
Huntsville,
Tenn.

Sir:

John Coats, representing himself as a convict now undergoing a sentence of twelve months imprisonment in the State Penitentiary, which will expire on the 5th of June next, has petitioned the Department for a remission of the unexpired term, in order that he may not lose his citizenship, as he is a native of Texas, and all his relatives reside in the State.

This petition is unaccompanied by any letter of recommendation, but he refers to you for a certificate of his conduct while under your charge, I have therefore to request you to communicate with this Department on the subject at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, April 30, 1853.

To the Honble A. J. Camp,
Jefferson, Cass County,
Texas.

Sir:

Accepting this as a
petition as a member
of the State Legislature

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by this evening's mail of your letter of the 17th instant, conveying your resignation of your seat in the State Legislature, which is hereby accepted.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant.

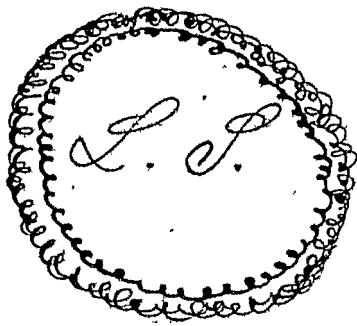
The State of Texas.

Releasing John Courts,
convicted in the State
Penitentiary.

Whereas it has been represented and made known to me, that John Courts, who was sentenced to hard labor for the term of one year in the Penitentiary of said State, has already served out nearly the whole of said term, and has lately received a wound whereby he is incapacitated from labor, and his longer confinement rendered unnecessary:

Now, therefore, for the reasons above stated, and at the recommendation of the Superintendent of said Penitentiary, I, James H. K. Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby pardon the said John Courts of the crimes of which he has been

convicted, and for which he is now imprisoned, and order the keeper of the State Penitentiary, and all other officers having in charge and custody the said John Courts, to release him from all further confinement in said Penitentiary.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this, Third day of May, A. D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th and of Texas the 17th year.

By the Governor,
Signed, Thos. H. Duval,
Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, May 3rd 1852.

James S. Shaw Esq.,
Comptroller of Public Accounts.
Present.

Sir:

directing him to go to New York and Galveston to receive the proceeds of the proceeds of the United States bonds sold under legislative enactment.

I think it advisable that you should proceed to the Cities of New York and Galveston, and receive the proceeds accruing from the United States Bonds which have been sold under the act of the Legislature approved February 16, 1852, and deposit the same as by law directed in the Treasury of the State.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, May 6th 1852.

Fr. König Esq.,
Justice of the Peace,

Castell, Gillespie Co.
Tex.

Sir:

Relative to certain
claims for indemnity
as account of losses
from Indian
depredations.

I am directed by His Excellency to acknowledge the receipt, on the 20th of last March, of your letter of the 20th of February, 1852, transmitting to this Department two affidavits of losses and damages, from Indian depredations, sustained by certain persons resident in your vicinity, and requesting the Governor to take such steps in the matter as will ensure the payment of the claims, thus presented, as early as practicable.

In reply, therefore, I have the honor to state that the necessary measures to ensure the speedy liquidation of this class of indemnity claims against the United States Government have been already taken by the Legislature and Executive of this State; that it is a matter entirely under the control and requiring the action of the General Congress; and that no payments will be made until the requisite appropriation to meet them has been passed by that body.

Assuming that the advertisements spoken of in your letter are those of Messrs. J. and J. B. Durab, lawyers resident in this city, who are acting as agents in the collection of this description of claims, His Excellency instructed me to place the affidavits you transmitted to him in their hands, which I have done, requesting them to communicate with you on the subject.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant
Chas. A. Harris,
Private Secretary.

Executive Department,
State of Tex.
Austin, June 1, 1852.

Thomas C. Smith Esq.
Present.

Sir:

Appointing him as
agent for the procurement
of transportation to take
the City, of the block of
marble presented by
the Nat. Monument

In compliance with, and for the purpose of carrying out the requirements and provisions of a Joint Resolution of the Legislature of this State, approved January 3, 1850, authorizing the procurement of a slab of native marble of the required dimensions, to be placed in the National Monument being built in the City of Washington, you are hereby appointed as agent to superintend

and conduct, on the part of this State, the procurement, transportation to Washington City, dressing, engraving and delivery of such a block of stone as is therein contemplated, and in the performance of your duties you will strictly conform to the following directions.

The block will be of the same kind as the specimens selected from among those submitted by you to this Department for inspection and choice, unless you can obtain a better quality of, or more richly variegated stone; in which case you will also submit the additional specimens to this Department for examination and decision.

The dimensions of the slab when dressed, and ready for delivery to the Monumental Committee at Washington City, must be four feet long, two feet wide and eighteen inches thick; you will therefore make all the necessary allowances for the abrasion of the block in its transportation, and the reduction of its size by dressing, polishing, &c.

To ensure the safe transportation of the block to Washington City it is indispensable that you should accompany and personally superintend all its movements.

Upon reaching Washington City you will consult the Delegation from this State in the General Congress, to whom you will be introduced by a letter from this Department, and Eliza Whittlesy Esq; the general agent for the Monument, relative to the employment of a suitable person, or persons, to dress and engrave the slab.

The engraving on the block will be the Coat of Arms of the State, in strict conformity with the details of the accompanying design of the Great Seal of the State, an impression of which is herewith enclosed; also a motto, which, if determined upon, will be transmitted to you. For the size and position of the engraving on the stone, you will be governed by the instructions of our Delegation and Eliza Whittlesy.

The delay that has already been unavoidably caused in the delivery of the slab that the State of Texas designs for this great national monument, renders it important that you should proceed at once upon your duties and discharge them with all possible dispatch.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Proclamation.

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

The election of
State, District,
and County Officers,
the 3^d of August
1852.

Whereas, by an Act of the Legislature, approved February 11, 1850, it is provided that an election shall be held on the first Monday in August next, for an Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer: Now, therefore, be it known, that J. P. Hensbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby order and direct that polls be opened at the several precincts of the respective Counties in this State, on the first Monday (the second day) of August next, for the election of Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer. The Chief Justices of the several Counties (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners), will accordingly give due notice, and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties, on the second day of August next, for the elections as aforesaid of Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer of this State. The Chief Justices aforesaid, or the County Commissioners, in cases wherein they are authorized by law to discharge the duties of Chief Justices of the several Counties of this State, will promptly make duplicate returns of the elections for the above named officers, carefully sealed up, one of which will be transmitted by them to the seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election returns of County, Tex." and the other deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties.

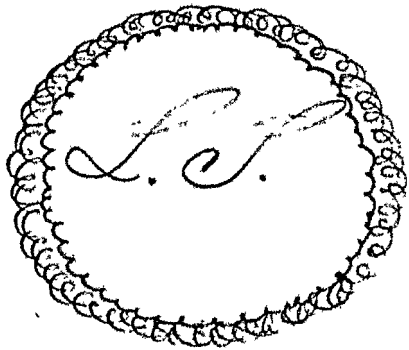
And whereas, the term of Office of the Judge of the Seventh Judicial District will expire in the month of February, 1853, I do, therefore, by virtue of the aforesaid Act of the Legislature, further order and direct that the Chief Justices (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the respective Counties composing the Seventh Judicial District, give due notice and cause polls to be opened, as aforesaid, on the first Monday (the second day) of August next, at the several precincts of their respective Counties, for the election of a District Judge, and make duplicate returns thereof, as aforesaid, according to law.

And whereas, under the provisions of the Act aforesaid, District Attorneys are required to be elected in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and twelfth Judicial Districts, I do hereby further order and direct that the Chief Justices (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the respective Counties composing the said Judicial Districts, give due notice, and cause polls to be opened, as aforesaid, on the first Monday (the second day) of August next, at the several precincts of their respective Counties for the election of a District Attorney for the Judicial District to which the said Counties may respectively belong, and returns promptly made in duplicate, as aforesaid, according to law.

And whereas, by an Act of the Legislature, approved March 20, 1848, it is required that an election be held

on the first Monday (the second day) of August next, in the several Counties of this State for one Chief Justice, four County Commissioners, one Sheriff, one Coroner, one County Clerk, two Justices of the Peace, and one Constable for each Justice precinct, and such other County Officers as are or may be required by law to be elected by the people. And whereas, it is further provided by an Act of the Legislature, approved January 26, 1850, that an election shall be held, at the same time, in each County in this State for a County Treasurer.

Therefore, I do further order and direct that an election be held in each and every County in this State (except in such of the new Counties created by Act of the last Legislature as may have previously elected County Officers) on the first Monday (the second day) of August next, for one Chief Justice, four County Commissioners, one Sheriff, one Coroner, one County Clerk, two Justices of the Peace, and one Constable for each Justice precinct, one County Treasurer, and also a District Surveyor in each of the Land Districts of this State, as may then, under the law, be required to be elected, together with such other County Officers, if any, as are required to be elected by the people. And I do hereby order and direct the Chief Justices of the several Counties of the State (and in case of vacancy in that office, or inability of the Chief Justice to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give due notice of said election, and make proper returns thereof to the State Department.



In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Austin, this eighth day of June, A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76, and of Texas the 17th year.

By the Governor,
(Signed) Tho. A. Duran,
Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, June 9th 1852.

To the Honble H. L. Guinsted,
Brownsville, Cameron Co.
Tex.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge

Accepting the resignation
of this seat in the
State Legislature.

The due receipt of your letter of the 27th of last April, tendering the
resignation of your seat in the Legislature of this State, which is
herby accepted.

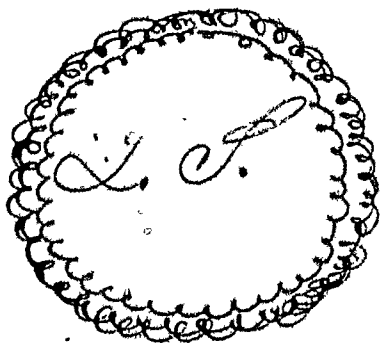
Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

The State of Texas.

Remission of sentence
upon the negro
slave "Jim" by the Dis-
trict Court of Tarrant
County.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me
that at the May Term, A. D. 1852, of the District Court held in and for
the County of Tarrant, in said State, a negro boy slave named Jim, a-
bout eighteen years of age, the property of James McVey, a citizen of said
County, was indicted, tried and found guilty of the crime of manslaughter
-ter, and was by the verdict of the jury and the judgment of the Court
sentenced to three years imprisonment and hard labor in the Penitenti-
-ary.

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, J. H. Eastman
-bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in
me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and in com-
-pliance with the petition of a number of respectable citizens of
said County, and for other satisfactory reasons to me shown, do
herby grant a full pardon to the said negro slave "Jim," and do
order and direct that he be discharged from all further custody
or confinement under and by virtue of the judgment and sen-
-tence of the said District Court of Tarrant County, on condition
that the owner of said slave do first pay all costs which have been
taxed, and which are legally due and owing on his prosecution
and conviction as aforesaid, and so soon as this condition is
complied with, the Clerk of the District Court of Tarrant County
is herby directed to make such entries upon the records of said
Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this
pardon; and the Sheriff of said County, or any other Officer
having the charge and custody of said slave "Jim," is thereupon
required and directed to discharge him from all further custo-
-dy and confinement, and for so doing this shall be their suffi-
-cient warrant.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand, and caused the great Seal
of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin,
this eighteenth day of June, A. D.
1852, of the Independence of the United
States the 76th and of Texas the 17th year.

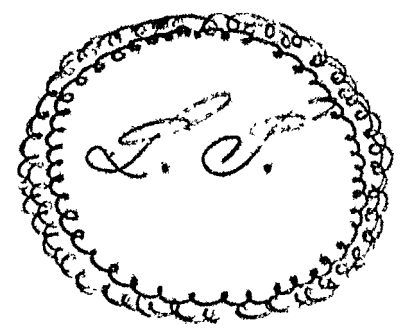
By the Governor,
(Signed) Thos. H. Duvall,
Secretary of State.

The State of Texas.

Remission of the fine in
case upon Arnold O'Keefe
by the District Court
of Smith County.

Whereas, it has been represented and made known to me, that at the Spring Term, A. D. 1852, of the District Court held in and for the County of Smith, in said State, one Arnold O'Keefe (indicted by the name of Arnold O'Spence) was charged with an assault with intent to kill, and upon the trial thereof was found guilty of a common assault and fined in the sum of seventy-five dollars.

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, J. S. Hansbrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, and for satisfactory reasons to me shown, hereby remit the said fine of seventy-five dollars, on condition that the said Arnold O'Keefe, or O'Spence, do first pay all costs which have been taxed, and which are legally due and owing on his prosecution and conviction as aforesaid, and so soon as this condition is complied with, the Clerk of the District Court of Smith County is hereby directed to make such entries in the records of said Court as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect this remission of said fine.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.
Done at the City of Austin, this twenty-first day of June, A. D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 76th, and of Texas the 17th year.

By the Governor,
(Signed) Thos. H. Duvall,
Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, June 21, 1852.

Colonel James Gillespie,
Superintendent of the

State Penitentiary,
Monteville,
T. H. As.

Sir:

Returning a plan of proposed improvements to the State Penitentiary with the approval of the Executive.

By the hands of Isaac M. Gary Esq.; I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt in due course of an amended plan of the Texas State Penitentiary, submitted by the Directors of this Department for Executive sanction, and, anxious to comply with the request contained in the letter of John C. Decker Esq. (the agent) which accompanied it, I availed myself of the earliest opportunity that presented itself to place this, as also the former plan, (a copy of which is on file in the State Department,) in the hands of a competent architect and builder, in order that I might ascertain precisely the nature of the proposed change; properly appreciate the advantages that would accrue from it; and ascertain whether there would be an increased expenditure involved in the construction of the Penitentiary by its adoption.

I regret, however, that the copy of the original plan, not comprising any further details relative to the building than the length and thickness of the foundation walls, was insufficient data to enable the gentleman, whose estimate I had requested, to make any definite statement; and, I have, therefore, in giving the proposed amendment my sanction, to rely, mainly, on the sound judgment and discretion of the Board of Directors.

The ground plan and elevation are herewith returned, with the requested approval; and I hope that the delay that has unavoidably occurred in the action of this Department has not retarded the progress of the Penitentiary.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant.

Proclamation.

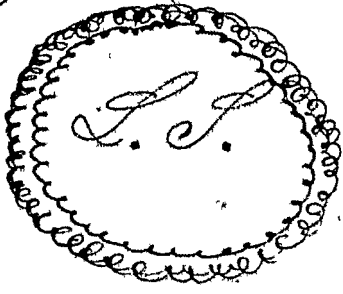
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Having a reward for apprehensions and delivery of John Haywood Vaughn, a fugitive from justice.

Whereas, it has been made known to me that John Haywood Vaughn, late of the County of Fayette, in the State aforesaid, on, or about the 29th day of October, A. D. 1851, committed a murder upon the body of Stephen Townsend of said County, and that the said John Haywood Vaughn is now a fugitive from justice:

Therefore, be it known, that I, J. K. Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby

Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of Three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said John Haywood Vaupus into the custody of the Sheriff of Fayette County, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this twenty-second day of June, A.D. 1852, and of the Independence of Texas the 17th.

By the Governor,
Wm. H. Dwyer,
Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
State of Texas,
Austin, June 28, 1852.

Samuel A. Maverick Esq.
San Antonio,
Texas.

Sir:

Relative to some Ordnance found near his residence in the Alamo.

In reference to the disposition of the Ordnance found near your residence in the Alamo, spoken of in your letter to the Honorable Thomas H. Dwyer, of the 6th Instant, His Excellency desires me to say, that he will have the pleasure of communicating with you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant
Chas. A. Harrison,
Private Secretary.

Proclamation.

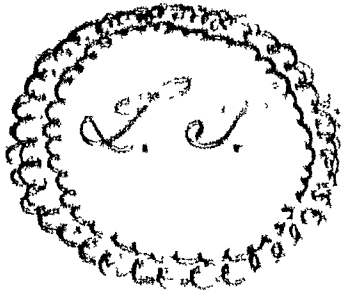
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, it has been made known to me, that George

Offering a reward for
the apprehension, and de-
livery of George S.
Lynch, a fugitive from
justice.

George S. Lynch, late of the County of Washington, in the State of Texas, on the 26th day of June, 1852, committed a murder upon the body of Thomas S. Sabrell of said County, and that the said George S. Lynch is now a fugitive from justice.

Wherefore, be it known, that I, J. P. Hensbrough & Bell, Governor of said State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of three hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said George S. Lynch, into the custody of the Sheriff of Washington County, Texas, or the end that he may be dealt with according to law. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this 8th day of July, A. D. 1852, and of the Independence of Texas the 17th year.



By the Governor,
Signed, J. P. Hensbrough & Bell,
Governors of Texas.

The said George S. Lynch is about six feet high, and 28 or 30 years of age. He is about 160 pounds. Has dark hair and eyes. Fair complexion. Round face. Walks erect, and throws his head back when talking. Very communicative, and talks much, often in conversation with strangers, of his achievements in the late Mexican war, his extensive business operations, his wealth, &c.

J. P. Hensbrough & Bell,
Governors of the State of Texas.

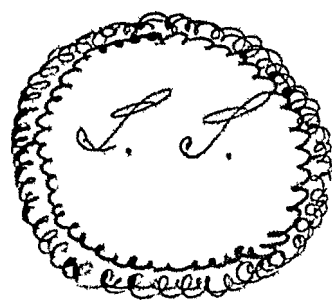
To His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Alabama, Greeting.

Wherefore, be it known,
that I, J. P. Hensbrough & Bell,
Governors of Texas, do hereby
offer a reward of three hundred
dollars for the apprehension and
delivery of the said George S. Lynch,
into the custody of the Sheriff of
Washington County, Texas, or the
end that he may be dealt with
according to law.

Whereas, by an indictment found by the Grand Jurors of Clay County, in the State of Texas, at the fall term of the District Court held in and for said County, in the year 1851, a copy of which is hereto annexed and duly certified to be authentic, and wherein it is charged with having committed the crime of murder in the said County of Clay, on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1850, upon the body of one William Spruthland, whereas it appears that said Henry S. Shell has fled from justice, and is now found in the State of Alabama, where he has taken refuge:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the United States of the 12th of February, 1793, I have to demand that your Excellency will cause the said Henry S. Shell to be arrested

arrested, secured and delivered up to Andrew J. Hitchcock, the bearer of these presents, who is hereby authorized to receive said fugitive and conduct him to the State of Texas, in order that he may be dealt with according to law.



Given under my hands and the great seal of the State, at the City of Austin, this, the ninth day of July, A. D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 17th year.

By the Governor,
Vice-pres., Mr. H. Dwyer,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation.

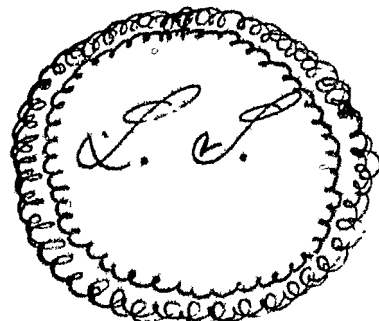
By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, by the resignation of James C. Sheldon Esq. a vacancy has occurred in the Office of District Attorney in and for the Eleventh judicial District of the State of Texas, composed of the Counties of El Paso and Presidio.

Therefore, be it known, that I, J. H. K. Smith, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby order and direct the Chief Justices, of the above mentioned Counties (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) to give due and legal notice of not less than thirty days for an election to be holden on the day of 1852, at the several precincts in their respective Counties, for a District Attorney, to supply the vacancy aforesaid.

And the Chief Justices aforesaid, or the County Commissioners, in cases wherein they are authorized by law to discharge the duties of Chief Justice, will promptly make duplicate returns of the said election, carefully sealed up, one of which will be transmitted by them to the seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election returns of County of District Attorney," and the other deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this ninth day of July, A. D. 1852, and of the Independence of Texas the 17th year.



By the Governor,
 (Signed) Mr. H. D. Seward,
 Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
 State of Tex.
 Austin, July 9th 1852.

W. R. Ellis Esq:
 Justice of the Peace in Precinct No. 6,
 Green's Bluff, Jefferson County,
 Tex.

Sir:

Relative to the distribution of Hardley's Digest within Department of the 24th of last month, which would have secured an earlier answer had it not been accidentally mislaid.

I have, therefore, the honor to state, that so many copies of Hardley's Digest were forwarded by the Secretary of State to each County as it appeared to be entitled to under the law providing for the distribution and the register of County Officers in this State Department, which, in the County of Jefferson numbered nine.

Respectfully,
 Your Obedt. Servant
 Chas. A. Harrison,
 Private Secretary.

Executive Department,
 State of Tex.
 Austin, July 20th 1852.

Captain A. K. Lewis,
 Corpus Christi,
 Tex.

Sir:

You are hereby appointed as Captain of a Company of Mounted Volunteers, to be organized and mustered in.

Authorizing him to raise
a company of mounted
volunteers for frontier
protection.

into the service of the State for the period of six months, unless sooner discharged.

Your Company will number in all about sixty members; and will be composed, as far as circumstances permit, of residents in the several Counties in the lower Rio-Grande.

The main duty of the Company will consist in the protection of the City of Brownsville and the adjacent country. Colonel James S. Gillett, the Adjutant General of the State, is ordered to the Rio Grande bottom, for the purpose of organizing and mustering in two other Companies, as well as yours, which are intended for the protection of the whole of the lower Rio-Grande from Laredo to Brownsville, or Point Isabel if necessary; from whom you will receive all the instructions relative to the disposition of your company and commands and their respective duties.

The present state of affairs in that quarter render it highly important that your Company should be in readiness to take the field as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, July 25, 1852.

Captain Henry Clay Davis,
Rio Grande City,
Texas.

Sir:

Authorizing him to
raise a company of
mounted volunteers for
protection.

You are hereby appointed as Captain of a Company of Mounted Volunteers, to be organized and mustered into the service of the State for the period of six months, unless sooner discharged.

Your Company will be composed of about sixty members, taken, as far as practicable, from the several Counties on the lower Rio-Grande. It is intended for the protection of Rio-Grande City and McAllen, including the intermediate settlements and the adjacent country; and will act in concert with two other Companies stationed near Brownsville and Laredo.

Colonel James S. Gillett, the Adjutant General of the State, is under orders to proceed to the Rio-Grande, and organize and muster these Companies into service. You are, therefore,

referred to him for orders relative to the disposition and duties of your, and you will have it in readiness for the field with all possible dispatch.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, July 28th, 1852.

To the Citizens of Ellis,
McAllen and Navarro Counties,
of the State of Texas.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your petition to this Department praying for military protection from the attacks of marauding Indians, (which came to hand last night by Mr. Dyer,) I acceptly regret that it is not in my power to make an immediate call as therein requested. I will, however, communicate forthwith with the Commanding General of this military Department, and enclose a copy of your petition, urging him to make the call on me for a company for the protection of that section of the frontier, which, when made, will be promptly responded to.

This course is necessary to ensure the Company pay, and such subsistence and other military supplies as will be indispensably requisite to enable them to render efficient service.

Should the Commanding General not deem it proper to make the call upon me for troops, I will then feel myself warranted in taking such further steps as will meet the emergency and ensure your protection. In the meantime I request to be advised of the actual state of affairs in that section, in order that I may be properly guided in my action on the subject.

I am, Gentlemen,
Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, August 2, 1853.

Major General P. A. Smith,
Commanding the Eighth
Military Department, U. S. A.
San Antonio, Tex.

Sir:

Transmitting a petition from the citizens of the north western frontier of the State in military protection

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a petition from a large number of citizens residing on the north western portion of our Indian frontier, representing their unprotected situation, and their consequent excitement and alarm.

This petition was received at the Department by a special agent, Mr. Dyer, a very intelligent man. His report on close examination on the subject have satisfied me that there are additional facts, beyond those embodied in the petition, that render it urgently necessary to afford, that portion of the frontier, increased military protection.

In the event, therefore, of your making arrangements to strengthen the defenses upon that portion of the line, I have the honor to request that this Department may be notified, as early as practicable, of the nature and extent of the movement.

I also request to be informed, whether the reinforcement of troops for the lower Rio Grande, (which I was assured at my late interview would be made) has reached its destination.

Yours, General,
Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, August 2, 1853.

Captain Cyrus Shaw,
Present.

Sir:

Authorizing him to raise
company of Mounted
Volunteers for frontier
protection.

You are hereby appointed as Captain of a
Company of Mounted Volunteers, to be organized and mustered in
to the service of the State for the period of six months, unless sooner
discharged.

This Company is intended for the protection of the
town of Laredo, on the Rio Grande, and the adjacent country.
You will therefore proceed forthwith to that place, via San Antonio,
taking with you such men as may desire to accompany
you.

Your Company will be composed of about sixty men
-bers in all, and you will make your arrangements so as to leave
room for the admission of a fair representation of the Country on the
Rio Grande, in its organization.

It is expected and desired that you have your Company
in readiness for service in twenty days from the date of this commu-
-nication.

Colonel James S. Gillett, the Adjutant General of
the State, is charged with the duty of organizing and mustering your
company into service: from him you will derive all the necessary
instructions relative to the details and duties of your Company.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, August 2, 1832.

Colonel James S. Gillett,
Adjutant General of the
State of Texas.
Present.

Sir:

Declining him to must-
er with the general
of the State, three com-
panies of Mounted Vol-
unteers for the protec-
tion of the lower Rio

The very serious and contin-
-ual interruption of the peace and security of life and prop-
-erty on the lower Rio Grande, by Indians and other mar-
-auding parties, renders it imperatively necessary that imme-
-diate steps be taken by the State to afford the requisite pro-
-tection to her citizens in that quarter.

With a view, therefore, to accomplish this object,

The Department, after much consideration of the subject, has determined to call out three companies of mounted Volunteers, to act as auxiliaries to the forces of the United States now stationed in that section of the country for its military protection.

You will, therefore, proceed, with all possible dispatch, to the City of Brownsville, on the Rio Grande, by way of San Antonio and Corpus Christi, and forthwith organize and muster into the service of this State, for the period of six months unless sooner discharged, three companies of mounted Volunteers fully equipped for active and efficient duties. These Companies will be respectively mustered in at Brownsville, Laredo and Rio Grande City, or Brownsville.

As there is every probability that these Volunteer Companies will be incorporated with the Army of the United States now serving in Texas, it is highly important that their organization, as to the rank and number of each grade, should be in strict conformity with the present regulations of the United States Dragoon Corps, in order that no difficulties may present themselves when these troops are mustered into the service of the United States.

When you reach San Antonio you will call upon General Persifor F. Smith, Commanding the Ninth Military Department, U. S. A., and, announcing to him the nature of your commission, you can hand him this letter of instructions for his perusal, and also that he may obtain a copy of it should he wish.

At your interview with the General you will explain my particular desire that the Volunteers thus called out should be co-operative with the United States troops in the discharge of their military duties, so as to ensure the efficiency of their service as much as possible, and you can, in connection with this, request that you may be furnished with copies of such existing orders and instructions as the General may deem necessary to that end.

This will be the more requisite in consequence of changes in the disposition of the regular troops that have been doubtless, recently made in fulfillment of the General's prompt and liberal assurance to me, at our late meeting, that he would give directions for the immediate reinforcement of the military establishments in that quarter.

You can also avail yourself of the opportunity to obtain from General Smith any information that may be considered connected with your mission, as I feel assured that the General will take pleasure in rendering you any assistance that may lie in his power. Among other details, the numerical strength of the Companies, and the number and grade of the Officers, now Commissioned Officers, &c., will enable you to properly regulate their organization when you muster them in.

Although these Volunteers will be required to fully arm and equip themselves, there will be no impropriety in requesting General Smith to lend you such aid in circumstances

will justify in more completely arming them; nor in the request that they may be furnished with subsistence and such other supplies as are indispensably necessary.

Arrived at Brownsville, you will lose no time in organizing and mustering in the three companies, making such a selection of the best men and horses as circumstances will permit; you will minutely examine the command, and accept only such as appear capable of performing active and efficient service.

As there are no provisions in existence for the payment of these troops by the State, you will be careful to fully explain to each member of the command the nature of the service, and that it will require an enactment of the State Legislature (unless they are eventually mustered into the service of the United States) to enable them to receive their pay. You can also state that should the United States not assume the responsibility, by mustering them in, there is no doubt but that the call will be sustained; and that suitable provisions will be made by the next State Legislature, on the presentation of the subject by this Department, to meet the contingency.

The companies will take precedence according to the relative rank of their Captains; and the senior or oldest Captain (who will be determined by priority of commission) will be considered as the commanding officer of the whole; the number of the companies not warranting the appointment of a field officer.

The field of operations for this volunteer force will extend from Laredo to Brownsville, a Point Isabel if necessary; and they will be required to protect, not only the extreme limits of the line thus designated but all the intermediate points, Bellville, Rio Grande City, &c., &c. This can only be effected by the companies, a portion of them being so disposed as to form a chain, in such a manner that they could be concentrated with facility whenever it became necessary. From this arrangement, judiciously made and supported by continual scouting the whole length of the line, much good may be expected to result, and the object of the call will doubtless be accomplished.

In order to avoid any possibility of conflicting with the regular troops stationed at that portion of our frontier, you will direct the Commanding Officer to communicate, from time to time, with the Commanding General of this Military Department, as well as to your office, reporting his movements and operations of offensive and defensive, that the General may thereby be enabled to avail himself of all the information he may thus derive in making such dispositions of the regular troops, as he deems advisable, to act in concert.

As the nature of the duties devolving upon this volunteer force are of a peculiar and delicate character, you will, in your instructions to the officers, through their Commander, impress upon them the great importance of the service, and the necessity for the utmost vigilance and activity, combined with sound judgment, in all their movements. The contingency of a foreign

power, the late serious difficulties on the opposite bank of the Rio Grande, the mixture of the two nations in the bands of outlaws that have for some time past infested both sides of that river, and the increasing Indian difficulties, call for all the energy that can be brought to counteract existing evils. Nothing but untiring watchfulness and steady resolution can possibly accomplish the restoration of that peace and confidence in the citizens of that country, and the proper aspect for the mutual guarantees to the United States and Mexico by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which it is so essential should not only be established but be permanently protected.

Your stay in Brownsville will enable you to see many of the parties who have petitioned this Department for military aid. You can state to them that the Executive, in view of the pressing emergency, has called out three companies of volunteers for their protection, trusting, that if the General Government does not recognize their services, the next State Legislature will take such steps as will ensure their payment; and he relies with confidence upon the zeal and patriotism of the citizens of the Rio Grande Valley and elsewhere, for their support of a service that he has thus endeavored to establish for their protection.

It is the wish of the Executive that all the Communities in that section of Country should be well represented in each of the companies, and, as far as possible, that those individuals who have already formed a voluntary association for the performance of this service should have an opportunity of participating in this organization if they so desire.

The individuals selected to exist these companies have been already designated.

As soon after your return to this City, as practicable, you will submit a written report to this Department of the execution of your commissions.

Yours Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, August 2nd 1852.

Colonel James S. Gillett,
Adjutant General
of the State of Texas.
Present.

Sir:

Instructions relative to
the supply of a volunteer
command with
subsistence and forage

At my late interview with General S. Smith on the subject of frontier protection, I asked him, if volunteers should be called out by the State to aid in that service, whether he would direct them to be furnished with the requisite forage and subsistence, and he expressed himself unwilling to incur the responsibility which he considered he should thereby assume. In the event, therefore, that the General should still decline, you are hereby authorized and required to contract with such persons as will furnish the necessary supply of subsistence for the men and forage for the horses of the command, of the proper quality and in such quantities as may be stipulated in the contracts on the most advantageous terms for the State; and as these supplies will constitute one of the items in a future claim of the State against the General Government for a reimbursement of the expenses so thereby incurred, you will give particular directions that the allowances, for both men and horses, of each article issued to them, will be regulated in quantity by the ration of the cavalry service in the United States Army; as the General Government will not recognize nor allow any claim for extra allowance.

You will also give particular instructions to the officers making these contracts that the quantity of each article supplied by the contractors must not exceed in amount whatever is necessary to furnish the exact number of rations to which the command or any portion of it may be entitled by a similar allowance to those that govern the issues made to the troops in the service of the United States; and for the same reason, you will also charge the officers commanding the companies, or detachments of them, that they issue these supplies to the men and horses under their command, on regular returns in writing, calling for the same, which express the number of rations of each article so called for and the period of time for which they are required.

The forms of these requisitions or returns, now in use in the Quartermaster and Commissary Departments of the United States Army, are brief and simple, and will, I have no doubt, answer the purpose. When you are in San Antonio you can easily obtain all the information on this subject that will be of service.

The importance of a strict attention to these directions, not only for the security of the interests of the State, but of those of all the other parties who may be interested, are so obvious, that I sincerely trust they will prevent any future difficulties that might otherwise arise in their final settlement.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas
Austin, August 4, 1880.

To the Honorable
Senators and Representatives
of Texas in the U. S. Congress.
Washington City, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the joint Resolution of the State Legislature, approved January 3, 1880, I have the honor to transmit to your direction, through the special agency of Thomas C. Smith Esq., a block of native marble of the proper dimensions, to be presented by you to the Washington National Monumental Committee in the name of the State of Texas, for the purpose of being placed in the National Monument now being erected in the City of Washington, and to occupy such position as has been, or may be provided for the same.

The Executive, in common with the Citizens of the State, has regretted that the contribution to the monument, intended to be provided for in the joint Resolution, could not be presented at an earlier period. The great deficiency of the original appropriation rendered it entirely impracticable, and it became necessary that further legislative action should be obtained before the patriotic object contemplated by the joint Resolution referred to could be attained. It is believed, however, that no injury, or inconvenience will operate in consequence of a delay which has been unavoidable.

The best exertions have been made with the limited means at command for the procurement of an appropriate block to be placed in a niche of the proudest monument of the age; erected to express a nation's gratitude; and I sincerely hope that the monument transmitted will be found, after it has received the proper scientific appliances, suitable to represent a State, proud of the name and glory of the reputation of the father of his country.

You will please present the block, and request that such inscription be placed upon its front as the accompanying joint Resolution prescribes.

All expenses incurred by the Committee will of course be reimbursed by the State when authentically informed of the completion of the block.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
with the highest esteem and respect,
Your obedient servant

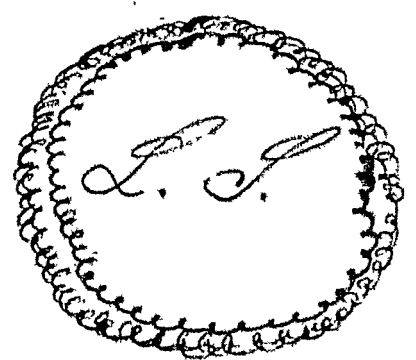
Requesting their presentation of the block of marble sent by the State to the Washington National Monumental Committee.

The State of Texas.

Remission of certain
fines imposed upon Wm.
M. Spencer by the Dist.
Court of Macgregor Co.

Whereas, at the Spring Term, A.D. 1847, of the District Court holden in and for the County of Macgregor, in said State, William M. Spencer was tried and found guilty upon four several indictments for assault and battery (the cases being numbered upon the docket of said Court as 109, 144, 300 and 311; and fines were imposed by the judgment of the Court upon the said Spencer:

Now, therefore, be it known, that J. P. Hansbrough, Secy, Governor of the State of Texas, for satisfactory reasons to me made known, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, hereby remit the several fines imposed in the cases aforesaid upon the said William M. Spencer, provided, the said Spencer do first pay all costs (including the fees of the District Attorney, which have been taxed and are legally due and owing therein, and so soon as this condition is complied with, the Clerk of the District Court of Macgregor County is hereby directed to make such entries upon the records of said Court as will give full effect to the remission of said fines.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this ninth day of August, A.D. 1852, and the 77th year of the Independence of the United States, and of Texas the 17th.

By the Governor,
Signed, Geo. H. Duval,
Secretary of State.

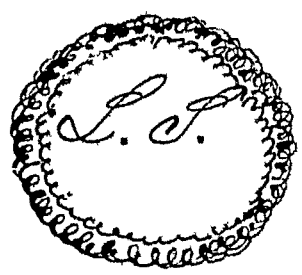
The State of Texas.
A State of the United States of America.

Certificate of citizenship
John Holzappfel Esq.

I, The undersigned, Governor of the State aforesaid, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of the same, do hereby certify, make known and declare to all whom it may concern, that John Holzappfel is a resident citizen of this State, and of the United States of America, and that he is entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities to such citizenship belonging, or in any way appertaining.

And I hereby request the Governors and Magistrates of other States and Countries, to permit the said Holzappfel, fully and peaceably to enjoy within their respective jurisdictions, the rights, privileges and immunities aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great Seal of the



State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this
ninth day of August, A. D. 1852, of the inde-
pendence of the United States the 77th and of
Texas the 17th year.

By the Governor,
(Signed) Tho. H. Sigsbee,
Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, August 13, 1852.

To the Honble J. J. Guinn,
Auditor & General Co.,
Texas.

Sir:

John J. Gregory Esq. of Wallace
County, has applied to this Department for the appointment of
Notary Public of your County. As your name appears upon
his list of referees I have the honor to request you to write
me in relation to the subject.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, August 13, 1852.

Thomas G. Masters Esq.
Melaseo, Texas.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your communication of the 3rd instant, tender-
ing your resignation of the office of Clerk Master for the Dist.

Relative to an applica-
tion for appointment
as Notary Public of
Wallace County.

Accepting his resignation
the office of Clerk
Master for the Dist of Melaseo.

of Velasco, which is hereby accepted, to take effect from the 3^d of the present month.

In consideration of the recommendation of Nathaniel Rudder Esq, of Velasco, as your successor in office, I have directed the Secretary of State to forward him the appointment.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, August 13, 1852.

To the Honble
Board of Pilot Commissioners
for Paso Cavallo Bay,
Matagorda Bay,
Texas.

Gentlemen:

Respecting Captain
William Nichols, as a
Branch Pilot at Paso
Cavallo in Matagorda
Bay, Texas.

I have the honor to acknowledge the due receipt of your proceedings, in the City of Lavaca on the 22^d ultimo, in the investigation of the conduct of Captain William Nichols in his official capacity of Branch Pilot of Paso Cavallo Bay, relative to the loss of the Steamer "Metek", and your consequent suspension of that gentleman from the duties of his office.

In consideration of the recommendations of William H. Key and John D. Brewer Esqs, members of your Honorable Board, as well as of numerous highly respectable citizens of the Town of Indianola and the City of Lavaca, for the reinstallation of Captain William Nichols in the full possession and enjoyment of all the rights and privileges of his commission as a Branch Pilot for the Paso Cavallo in Matagorda Bay.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
with the highest respect,
Your Obedt. Servant

The State of Texas.

Articles of Agreement
between Gov. J. H. Bell
and Eli Kirk Esq;
containing purchase
articles for the State
Capitol.

This Agreement made this twentieth day of August, A. D. 1852, between His Excellency J. H. Bell, as Governor of the State of Texas, and Eli Kirk Esq. of the City of Austin, in said State, Witnesseth: That the said J. H. Bell, as Governor aforesaid, has this day appointed the said Eli Kirk, under the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of a Capitol for the State of Texas," approved February 14, 1852, the Agent on behalf of said State, to make out a schedule of such articles as may be necessary to furnish the Senate Chamber, Hall of the House of Representatives, and such other offices and rooms as said Capitol may contain, with such furniture as may be necessary to fit them up in a respectable style, and to cause the same to be manufactured, or otherwise provided for the purpose aforesaid.

Now the said J. H. Bell, as Governor aforesaid, hereby agrees to allow the said Eli Kirk, the sum of One Thousand dollars (one half thereof to be paid in advance) as a compensation for the services to be rendered and expenses incurred by the said Eli Kirk, in attending to the business of said Agency.

And the said Eli Kirk, in his part, hereby agrees to proceed to send me a list of the Citizens of the United States, and to make out a schedule of such articles and furniture as he may deem necessary for the purpose above stated, and transmit the same to the Governor of the State of Texas, which schedule shall be approved by the said Governor, the Secretary of State and Comptroller of Public Accounts, or such alterations and additions made thereto as they may direct, and the said Eli Kirk shall be notified thereof. Thereupon it shall be the duty of said Eli Kirk, and he hereby agrees to purchase, or have manufactured the articles and furniture mentioned in said schedule as approved, or amended, upon as reasonable terms as the same can be had: said furniture to be substantial in character, and neat in style and appearance. During the process of manufacturing such furniture, as the said Kirk may order, he shall give, from time to time, his attention to the matter, personally superintending the same, and seeing that the workmen discharge their duty, by making the articles out of the materials and in the manner stipulated by them. The said Eli Kirk hereby agrees and promises to carry out the objects of his Agency, according to the best of his understanding, and to comply with such further instructions or directions as may be given to him in the premises by the Governor of the State.

Witness our hands the day and year first above written.

Witness in presence of,
(Signed) James F. Johnson.
(Signed) J. H. Dural.
(Signed) J. H. Bell,
Gov. of Texas.
(Signed) Eli Kirk.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, August 29th 1852.

To His Excellency
Millard Fillmore,
President of the United States.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Transmitting papers
showing the unprotected
situation of the Rio Grande
Valley.

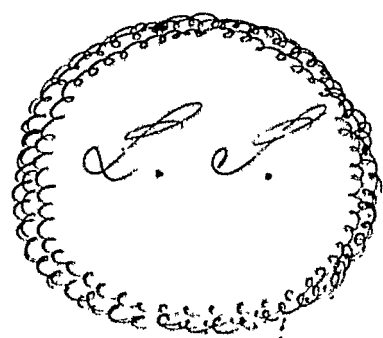
Such repeated representations have been made to this Department by all the influential and most respectable residents of the Rio Grande Valley, of their desperate situation and the insecurity of life and property in that section of the State, occasioned by the total inadequacy of the present military establishment in Texas to check the murders and depredations of lawless bands of Indians and Mexicans, that my constant and anxious attention has been for some time past directed to the subject, with the view if possible, to put a final stop to these outrages, and restore tranquility and confidence to a region that is rapidly depopulating and on the verge of ruin.

Among other steps that I deem materially important to the accomplishment of so desirable an end, I have the honor to address Your Excellency, and enclose herewith certified copies of such late communications, petitions and affidavits, connected with the subject, as have reached this Department. To these documents I would respectfully and earnestly draw Your Excellency's particular attention, as ample evidence of the facts therein set forth, and the urgency of that assistance and succor that their present distressed situation so imperiously demands.

Your Excellency will perceive by the perusal of these papers that the most lamentable distress, anarchy and confusion must inevitably result from the state of affairs therein represented, leading, ultimately, to the total disorganization and destruction of the whole line of the Rio Grande, unless prompt and energetic measures be taken to prevent the continuance of the evil. The civil authorities are perfectly paralyzed, and the military stationed on the lower Rio Grande have declared themselves unable to render the requested assistance to support the execution of the laws; while on the upper Rio Grande the almost entire withdrawal of the troops from the County of El Paso leaves the prospect for that portion even still more desperate and deplorable.

Independent of every other serious consideration, the importance of preserving inviolate existing treaties with the neighboring Republic of Mexico, whose limits run along the northern bank of the Rio Grande in close proximity to the borders of this State, from its northern to its southern extremities, and the

office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners of the several Counties aforesaid, will promptly make duplicate returns of the elections held in their respective Counties for the election of a District Judge, as aforesaid, carefully stating up and of which returns will be transmitted by them to the Seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election Returns of _____ County, for District Judge of the First Judicial District," and the other deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this, the twenty-eighth day of August, A.D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 17th year.

By the Governor,
Signed, Tho. H. Dwyer,
Secretary of State.

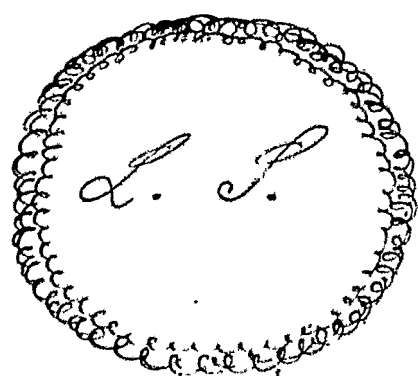
Proclamation.

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Offering a reward for the apprehension and delivery of Blake H. Thompson, now a fugitive from justice.

Whereas it has been made known to me that Blake H. Thompson, late of the County of Travis, in this State, on Thursday the 20th Instant, committed a murder upon the body of William Birwin, of said County, and that the said Blake H. Thompson is now a fugitive from justice:

Therefore, be it known that I, C. J. Kantrough Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and laws of said State, do hereby offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of the said Blake H. Thompson into the custody of the Sheriff of Travis County aforesaid, to the end that he may be dealt with according to law.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this, the Twenty-eighth day of August, A.D. 1852, and of the Independence of Texas the 17th year.

By the Governor,
Signed, Tho. H. Dwyer,
Secretary of State.

Note. Blake H. Thompson is about forty years of age; about five feet eight inches high, and perhaps weighs 175 pounds; has dark eyes and hair; has very muscular frame, and is very strong; is very fond of smoking a pipe, and has been and now is a hard drinker; talks a great deal about horse racing, and is not unpleasant in conversation when sober; when drinking, the reverse, and is always armed with a pistol or knife, and perhaps both; he has a dark heavy beard and dark complexion.

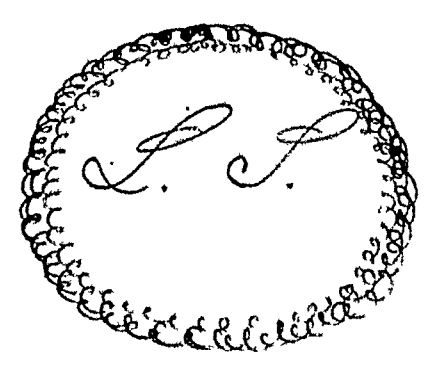
J. H. Hamtrough Secy,
Governor of the State of Texas.

For his Excellency the Governor of the State of Arkansas, in greeting.

Whereas, by an affidavit made by Edward Hunkle, William H. Richards and Cyrus Jones, of the County of Fayette, State of Texas, which is hereto annexed and duly certified to be authentic, John H. Vaughan is charged with having committed the crime of murder on the body of Stephen Townsend, of said County and State, on or about the 30th day of October, A.D. 1857; and, whereas it appears that said Vaughan has fled from justice, and is to be found in the State of Arkansas where he has taken refuge:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, and in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the United States of the 12th of February, 1793, I have to demand that your Excellency will cause the said John H. Vaughan to be arrested, secured and delivered up to John Thomas Townsend, the bearer of these presents, who is authorized to receive said fugitive and conduct him to the State of Texas, in order that he may be dealt with according to law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this thirtieth day of August, A.D. 1858, upon the Independence of the United States then 77th and of Texas the 17th year.



By the Governor,
Signed, Thos. H. Dural,
Secretary of State.

State of Texas. Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for said State and County, Edward Hunkle, William Richards and Cyrus Jones, of the County of Fayette.

Demanded for the delivery of John H. Vaughan to John Thomas Townsend, the agent appointed to receive him.

Affidavit of the murder of Stephen Townsend by John H. Vaughan.

who says on oath, that on or about the 30th day of October, A. D. 1851, they saw one John H. Vaughan, without provocation, cut or stab, Stephen Townsend, of the County and State aforesaid, with intent then and there to kill; and they further state that the said Stephen Townsend did die of the wound inflicted by the said John H. Vaughan.

E. C. Kenkel.
(Signed,) E. H. Richmond.
Cyene Jones.

I have and subscribed before me
this 19th day of July, A. D. 1853.

(Signed,) J. A. Rogers,
J. A. J. O.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, August 20th, 1852.

Messrs Clements & Hayden,
Merchants,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Requesting them to
endorse the drafts of
Chas Kirk Esq; the Agent
for the purchase of the
furniture for the State
Capitol.

Chas Kirk Esq; of this City, having been appointed Agent to purchase furniture for the Capitol of this State under an act of the State Legislature approved February 14th, 1852, entitled "an act to provide for the erection of a Capitol for the State of Texas," proceeds forthwith to the performance of the duties of his agency.

He is authorized to purchase furniture on account of the State to the amount of Twenty four thousand dollars, (\$24,000), which amount is to include the transportation of the furniture to this City; and, as it is deemed advisable that he should give drafts in payment of his purchases, in preference to carrying with him so large an amount of specie, I have to request you to endorse the drafts, which will be made payable on the delivery of the furniture at such points as may be determined upon between the Agent and the parties from whom he purchases; and the amounts or drafts thus endorsed will be paid by the State Treasurer whenever they become due, he being properly advised of the same.

I am, Gentlemen,
Very respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas,
Austin, August 31, 1852.

Thomas Harris Esq:
Houston,
Texas.

Sir:

Accepting the resign in due course of your communication of the 10th ultimo, tendering
of his seat in your resignation of your seat in the State Legislature, which is hereby
the State Legislature accepted to take effect accordingly.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas,
Austin, August 31, 1852.

Franklin H. Merriam Esq:
Galveston, Texas.

Sir:

Accepting the resign The receipt in due course of your communication of the 5th ulto
of his seat in the State Legislature, conveying the resignation of your seat in the State Legisla-
ture, which is hereby accepted to take effect accordingly.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, August 31, 1852.

George T. Howard Esq:
H. T. Indian Agent.
San Antonio,
Texas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a petition addressed to this Department by certain citizens of Gillespie County relative to the conduct of Lipan and Comanche Indians who are encamped in their vicinity, and praying that measures may be taken to stop their outrages.

You will also receive a certified copy of a communication from William H. Kirkpatrick Esq., of White Rock, Navarro County, requesting permission for an aged Indian to remove himself and family within the limits and protection of the white settlements.

As these matters pertain to the duties of the Indian Agent, they are respectfully referred to you for such action thereon, as in your judgment may be deemed advisable, which will meet the concurrence of this Department when determined; it is also requested that you take an early opportunity to notify the Executive of the result in each instance.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, Sept. 1, 1852.

William T. Hays Esq:
District Attorney of the
South Judicial District.
Victoria,
Texas.

Sir:

Relative to certain
Indian matters.

Separating information
to the case of the
man. Mr. Cunnell, a con-
vict in the State Penitentiary.
July.

A petition, numerously signed by citizens of De Witt County, in behalf of William M. Cunnell, who was tried at the Spring Term, A. D. 1852, of the District Court of that County, for an assault with intent to commit a rape on the person of Sophia Brown, found guilty, and sentenced to five years imprisonment in the State Penitentiary, has been received at this Department, praying for the extension of Executive clemency.

The petition is accompanied by a Transcript of the record of the proceedings of the Court, but as none of the evidence is given and the case seems to present some grounds for favorable consideration, I have to request you to give me any particulars connected with it that you may command, and your opinion upon its merits, at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servant.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, September 4, 1852.

To the Honble. A. H. H. Stuart,
Secretary of the Interior.
Washington City, D. C.

Sir:

Knowing the re-
sult of the number of
representatives to which
in is entitled under
the seventh census of
the United States.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by last night's mail, of your communication of the 40th ult., enclosing an official certificate from your Department - of the number of Representatives apportioned to the State of Texas, under the last or seventh enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, transmitted in compliance with the requirements of the 36th Section of the Act of Congress, approved 23rd May, 1850, entitled "An Act providing for the taking of the seventh and subsequent Censuses of the United States, and to fix the number of members of the House of Representatives, and provide for their future apportionment among the several States."

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servant

77.
Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, September 11, 1852.

To His Excellency J. Hood,
Governor of the State of Ohio,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sir:

Informing him of the
appointment of Robert
Johnston as a Com-
missioner of Deeds in the
State of New York.

I have the honor to state, that, in
consideration of your Excellency's recommendations, instructions
have been given by this Department to the Secretary of State to for-
ward the requested appointment of Commissioner of Deeds to,
Robert Johnston, Esq. of New York City.

With much consideration,
I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's Obedt. Servant
Wm. A. Garrison,
Private Secretary.

Proclamation.

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

of the election of Elec-
tors of President and
Vice President of the
United States.

Whereas, by the laws of this State and of the United
States an election for Electors of President and Vice Presi-
dent is to be holden throughout this State on the Tuesday next
after the first Monday in November of the present year.

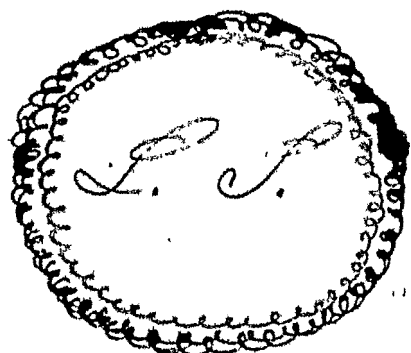
Therefore, be it known, that I, J. R. Houston,
Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power and
authority in me vested by law, do hereby order and direct that an
election be holden in the several precincts of the several Counties
in this State on the Tuesday next after the first Monday (the se-
cond day) of November next, for the choice of four Electors of Presi-
dent and Vice President of the United States.

The said election shall be holden in the same
manner, in the same places, under the same regulations and by
officers or managers appointed in the same manner as in elections for
members of the House of Representatives of the State Legislature;
and each qualified voter shall be authorized to vote for the four Elec-
tors of President and Vice President to which this State is entitled.

The Chief Justice of the several Counties (and in
case of vacancy in that office, or any inability of the Chief Justice

To act, then any two of the County Commissioners shall give due notice of the said election, and appoint the precinct presiding officers where the same have not been already appointed by the County Court. The precinct presiding officers shall appoint the judges and clerks of the election and make immediate returns of the votes polled at their respective precincts to the Chief Justice (and in case of vacancy in that office, or inability of the Chief Justice to act, then to the County Commissioners) of their respective Counties.

And the Chief Justice (and in case of vacancy in that office, or any inability of the Chief Justice to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) shall within four days after the election, make out an official, certify, seal up and transmit by mail, or other safe and expeditious conveyance, a correct statement of the elections held at all the precincts in their respective Counties, directed to the Secretary of State, at the City of Austin, and enclosed "Election returns for County" and in all things have the same elections conducted according to law, and due returns thereof make as aforesaid.



On testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed;

Witness my hand at the City of Austin, the thirtieth day of September, A.D. 1852, and of the Independence of the United States the 11th year of the 17th year.

By the Governor
Signed, Tho. H. Davis,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas the office of judge in and for the ninth Judicial District of said State has become vacant, in consequence of the death of the Honorable Bennett H. Martin;

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, J. Hambrick Bell, Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority in me vested, hereby order and direct that the Chief Justice (and in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that Officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners) of the Counties of Houston, Anderson, Henderson, Van Wert, Kaufman, Navarro, Ellis, Garza and Dallas, comprising the said District, give due notice and cause polls to be opened at the several precincts of their respective Counties, on the first Tuesday (the second day) of November next, for the election of a judge to fill the vacancy aforesaid.

The election of a judge in the ninth judicial district of the State.

And the Chief Justice, or in case of vacancy in the office of Chief Justice, or inability of that officer to act, then any two of the County Commissioners of the several Counties aforesaid, will promptly make duplicate returns of the elections held in their respective Counties, for the election of a District Judge as aforesaid, carefully stated up, one of which returns will be transmitted by them to the Seat of Government, directed to the Secretary of State, and endorsed "Election Returns of County for Judge of the Ninth Judicial District;" and the other deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of their respective Counties.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Austin, this fourteenth day of September, A. D. 1852, of the Independence of the United States the 77th and of Texas the 17th year.

By the Governor,
Signed, Tho: H. Dural,
Secretary of State.

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, September 16, 1852.

J. C. Pool Esq:
Crockett,
Texas.

Sir:

In consequence of the total inadequacy of the provisions made by the State Legislature in the appropriation for the arrest of fugitives from justice, this Department felt unable to comply with the request contained in your communication of the 11th of September, 1851, for a reward for the apprehension of George Collins and others indicted at the Fall Term, A. D. 1851, of the District Court of Houston County, for the murder of your two sons, Beverly Pool and Maxton M. Pool.

relative to the issue of a writ for the apprehension of the murderers of his two sons, Beverly Pool and Maxton M. Pool.

Applications of a similar character, involving approved crime, have become so numerous of late, that the Executive has determined to assume the responsibility thus occasioned, in order that the ends of justice may not be defeated for want of the proper support of the laws of the country.

In this instance, therefore, the largest reward ab-

allowed by law will be issued for the arrest of the said George Collins and his associates in the deed; and should you deem it requisite, you will, upon application to this Department be furnished with a demand on the Governor of any other State to which the parties referred to may have fled.

As some time has elapsed since the murders took place, the perpetrators will be left on their guard than heretofore, and, consequently, the chances of arresting them will be considerably increased.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, Sept. 11, 1853.

John I. Meiser Esq.
Huntsville,
Texas.

Sir:

In reference to your application for reappointment as a Notary Public of Walker County, contained in your communication to this Department of the 14th inst., I have the honor to state that the clause of the Constitution which expressly declares that no person "shall at the same time hold or exercise any two offices, agencies, or appointments of trust or profit under this State," appears to preclude the practicability of granting your request during the continuance of your present official capacity. I will however submit the question thus presented to the Attorney General (who is temporarily absent) for his opinion, and should I find that it will not conflict with the Constitutional provisions referred to, it will afford me pleasure to direct your reappointment.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant

Executive Department,
State of Texas.
Austin, September 27th 1853.

John M. Crockett Esq.
Dallas,
Texas.

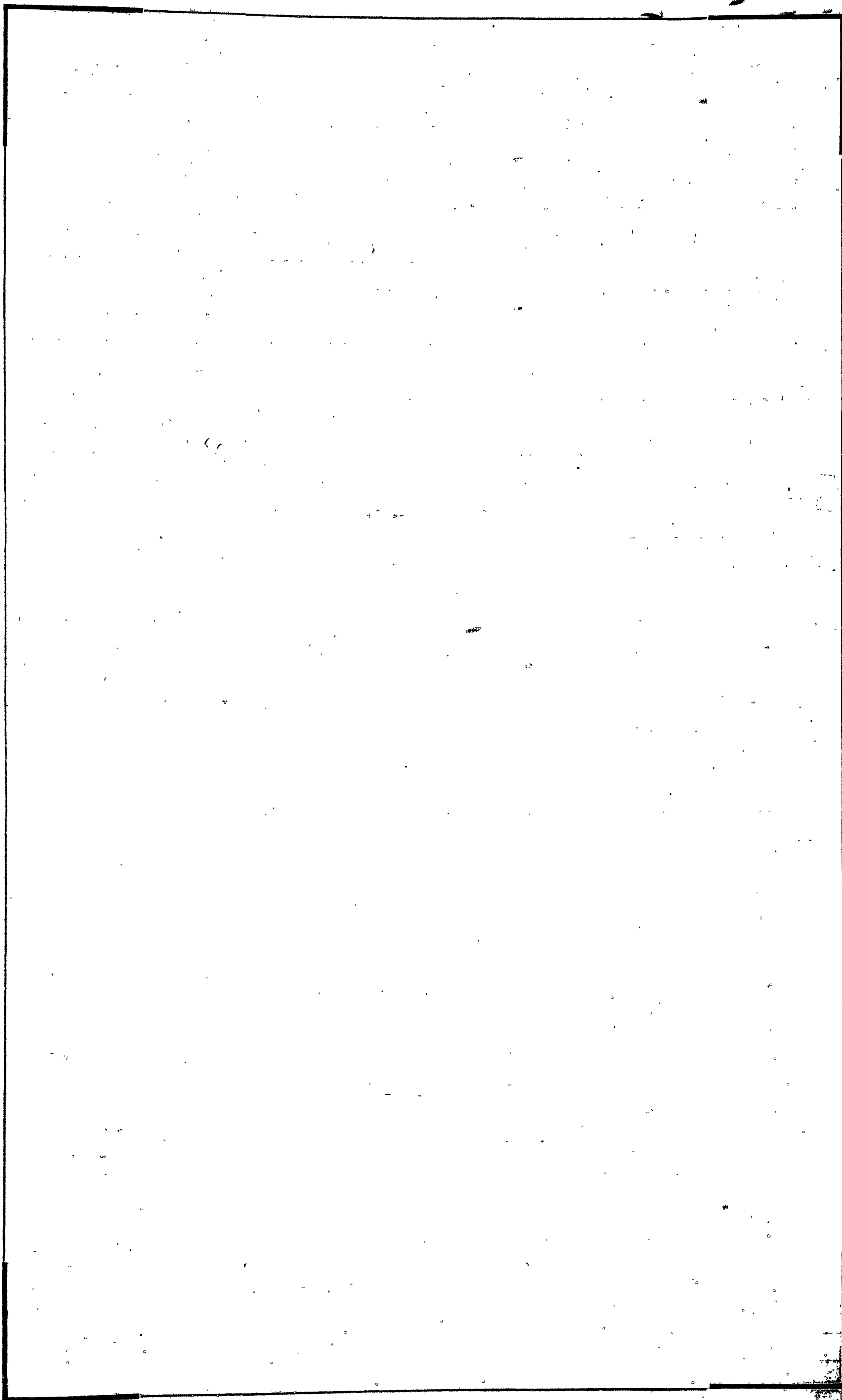
Sir:

accepting the designation of this seat in the State Legislature, which is hereby accepted.

accepting the designation of this seat in the State Legislature.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by last night's mail, of your communication of the 21st instant, conveying the designation of your seat in the State Legislature, which is hereby accepted.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servant



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